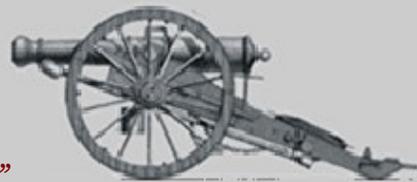


# THE CANNON'S MOUTH

newsletter of the  
California Historical Artillery Society

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



THE EL DUCE EDITION

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## Commander's Call

*Capt. Terry Thompson*

Greeting to my troops,  
First, I must say this is continuing to be a sad year for my mother. As I had hoped not, my brother Wes did bring his nickname with him to the battles at Duncans Mills and sadly, I sent dispatch to our mother informing her of his wounds. Thankfully the skilled surgeons were able to repair his broken collar bone and opt not to just amputate the shoulder. I find some irony in his fall from the horse to cause the injury. Some years back, at Duncans Mills (not the event), Wes was riding along with Bethany. Bethany's horse bolted so Wes pushed his horse in an effort to catch her horse. She fell off before he could catch her and Wes' horse had to jump over Bethany as she was so close. Bethany rolled and got up without harm. Wes splatted and broke his collar bone. The unit had paid tribute to Bethany on Saturday night with a celebration cannon round and Wes fell off on Sunday. But then, Bethany would never have thought of doing something that might cause harm to someone. (*Irony noted Captain!*) I was able to see the skirmishes from afar and note the chivalry of the men of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US. Additionally, I was successful in acquiring additional funds for our unit. As such, I sincerely thank each of you who were able to make this a very successful weekend. The campaigns of this year are almost over. We still have duties to attend to. The Rebs have not withdrawn; they have been moving. They arrived at Hawes Ranch (Anderson) and we fielded a team. Interestingly, the Rebs brought a two up team so we may be seeing a mobile Reb cannon more often. Kearney Park (Fresno) was not attended by the 3<sup>rd</sup> US as many of us had gone to Fort Mervine (Monterey). Our final campaign of the year is Moorpark which is coming up quickly. This year we will be in a new location so I hope we can get a strategic location. Again I thank each of you for your continued service to the cause.

Your humble leader,  
Capt Terry Thompson

## Dispatches from the Dog Tent

*El Duce Ted Mijerich*



Our Fearless Leader is close on the heels of the Rebs in the southron part of the State. Do not let him fight these dastardly secesh on his own! Make your way to the little town of Moorpark to quell this uprising! Arise and Away!!!!

Also, he is happy about the great work done at Duncan's Mills. We had a GOOD event and YOU made it happen. Thank you for your support!! See page 2, Ed.



*This poor man is NOT Cpl. Casualty, aka Wes Faubel, but it COULD be if not for the fine surgeons of the Army of the Potomac! Ed.*



## Dispatches from the Dog Tent

*El Duco Ted Miljevich*

Civil War Days 2014 is behind us now. It was a success because of all the hard work and effort by so many. We had many, many members of the unit doing a lot of work, in pre-event, event and post event duties; and the all-important "behind the scenes" work. We also had non-unit volunteers like the Lake County High School football players. Also WORDSWORTH's Margie and Mike Wilson. Thanks to several members of both the NCWA's 7th West Virginia Inf. and ACWA's 2nd US Arty. The event itself saw a small dip in public attendance on Sunday, but our total donations from the overall event are almost identical to last year. This means we are becoming more efficient and doing a better job at managing the event. We are already thinking about next year's event so keep watch for updates on ideas and please help when called to do so. Thank you each and everyone who helped in any part, both large or small, to make Civil War Days - Duncan Mills 2014 the success and fun event we enjoyed so much!

For the future- elections are coming up, look for your packets in the mail! Thank you Carolyn for your continued faithfulness. Also, the ANNUAL MEETING is set for January 18 in Sacramento. We'll send out a Digital Bugler for exact location. We look forward to being with our entire Chas Family! Have a wonderful holiday season and see you at the WORK PARTY!

*Ted Miljevich*

*Club President, DM Event Coordinator, #1 Truck Driver, and all-around Mover & Shaker of all things CHAS! Ed.*



## Ft. Mervine 2014 A Thank You Letter

*Katie Rejaian*

I'd like to start by saying thank you to all those that attended this event; we sure had a great time! I just want everyone to know how appreciative I am for such a great weekend. I know the organizers are always estatic when we can bring the horses and we managed to pull it off. AND, have it still be a relaxing weekend. Yay!

A big THANK YOU to Paul Casini for helping me set up camp on Friday despite the fact that we were probably both delerious from heat stroke because it was OVER 90! How long did it take us to figure the layout?? Thank the stars for those cadets from the school day that evidently found joy in pitching tents. Would we like help? Of course! It's not every day that half a dozen kids show up to help make camp. Willingly. Did I mention how hot it was? Having grown up in the area, I have never in my life witnessed weather like that in that town, especially with virtually NO humidity. Thankfully, Friday wasn't a day we were required to wear wool and the weather did cool down (kind of) as the weekend progressed. I'd like to also thank Paul for being the one who drove to Salinas both mornings at o'dark thirty to help shuttle livestock. I am NOT a morning person. (not that everyone in the unit didn't know that already...)

Another BIG thank you to Dennis Winfrey for participating in the school days. AND for being a huge help shuttling the equipment and livestock to and from the site. AND for putting up with my indecisiveness about whether or not we should fire the gun on a school days...anyhow...Also a thank you to Garrett for hauling the gun to and from the event. That made my life a whole lot easier.

I'd like to thank our gallant leadership Capt. Terry and Lt. Scott. As always, you guys are awesome leadership and even more awesome friends. Thanks to my star riders of the weekend Dee Murphy and Toni Dvorakova. You two did an amazing job considering you both were in new positions on the team. Nice work!

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## Duncan's Mills - A Different Perspective

It is the craziest thing I have ever seen. I get a call from this guy, Paul Casini who has a ranch up by Duncans Mills. Even though the War Between the States has been over for a while, there are still a lot of Southern sympathizers up in the area. (Duncans Mills was established in the early 1870's by Samuel and Alexander Duncan to log the redwoods.)

*At right...alleged relatives of "Crazy" Paul Casini (the ones in custody)*



I can't be sure if this Casini guy is involved with the Italian Mafia, but this is just crazy what he does. (*Ed note. See Above*). First, he sets up bleachers in his cattle pasture. Then he invites the soldiers around San Francisco to come up for some rest and relaxation. Once they are settled, he invites the Southern sympathizers to camp out nearby. You can see where this is going, don't you?

The craziest part is the locals will pay to come out and sit on the bleachers and watch the two sides go at each other. Thankfully, the only injuries are minor, like being thrown from a horse or getting over heated.



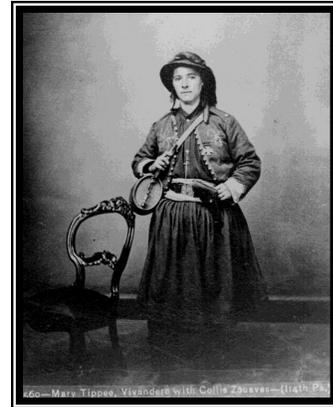
*Saturday afternoon at the Weenie Shack Sutlery at Duncans Mills*

I was approached to be a provisioner, specifically for food for the spectators. I bought up all the sausage and buns I could find in the local towns and sold out of it all. I found a guy who makes sarsaparilla and sold out a barrel. I'm telling you, it was the craziest thing I had ever seen. (*Ed. Note. Obviously this young lady leads a sheltered life!*)

*By T2 aka Queen Weenie Shack*

This Casini guy charged me a pretty hefty cut so I can see why he has to find new provisioners. Someone told me he does this every year. You would think the soldiers and sympathizers would catch on, not to mention the town folk. But maybe this is their way to remember their cause. Respectfully submitted,

*Wiener Queen aka Terry Thompson / T<sup>2</sup>*



*Weenie Queen & Co HARD AT WORK...special thanks to members of the 2nd US who worked the Reenactor Parking Lot for approx 12 hours on Friday! Hard core! Thank you!*



### Lincoln Jokes & Quotes

I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.



## Thank you

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A thank you to the Murphy girls for helping with the ambulance and the gun. It sure was great to have your help at this event!

Thank YOU Ken Dombroski for doing the driving for the most important job of all weekend: the clam chowder and wine run! Man, that was good chowder. Too bad this event is only once a year. I hope everyone else had as good of a time as I did and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year at this event.



Just a small taste of the beauty and wonder that is Ft. Mervine. Thank YOU for making it happen Katie! Monterey is the BEST! Ed. Note.

For more pics, check out:  
<http://on.fb.me/1wGF9kS>



A gem discovered by our intrepid adventurers to Angel Island ~ William Entriken, Evelyn/Ed Owens, and El Duce

## Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup>- Farewell

I have a hard time starting this letter without being overly dramatic..."with heavy heart" "hardest thing I've ever written, "you know what I mean. ANYWAY, short version: Garth got transferred and we're moving to Texas in December. Most of you know this, but not all, and NONE of you know how difficult it is to say goodbye to the BEST REENACTING GROUP IN THE COUNTRY, BAR NONE! My five+ years with CHAS has been nothing short of fantastic. A few bad moments at a couple of events, but for the most part so much fun in so many different ways. Working with the best has been so rewarding. I just love most of you...hahahaha. Now I'm sounding like Bilbo Baggins at his goodbye speech, "and like most of you more than you deserve." HEE!

I've enjoyed being your Company Clerk the MOST! I just love paper and that job comes with a bunch. I love that my legacy is the best field desk ever, thank you Dave Johnson. I'm heartbroken that I never got a chance to use it, but c'set la vie. Saying goodbye to you all is so hard. I'm sitting at the keyboard tearing up because you are just the best people. Thank you for allowing Garth and I to work and play with you all these years. It was such a huge part of our life; nothing will be able to replace you or the Unit. We hope you remember us fondly, and it is my intention to continue to serve as behind-the-scenes Treasurer, helping Katie out with the Quickbooks etc...(yes, newflash, Katie is running for Treasurer), to make Duncans Mills our vacation trip to CA, and the Cannon's Mouth, of course!

I thought about naming all the people who are extra special, but you know who you are. I DO want to share with you something I've learned by being on the Board. When I first joined the Unit, Ted was a shadowy figure in the background. He never spoke to me or acknowledged my presence, for at least a couple years. After being around AND being on the Board, I got to know TED! And CHAS-ers, he is a GEM. He does everything! Without him, I shudder to think where CHAS would be...treasure Ted and help him out. He shoulders a LOT of responsibility. And because of this, I've dedicated this edition of CM to our President, El Duce.

Please visit us in Texas! Or, better yet, hey Dennis...how about moving the Unit to Texas??!

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Cpl. Iggy  
Aka T-Shirt Queen



# 2014—2015 Schedule of Events

## 2014

### November

- 08-09 Moorpark Rotary Blue & Gray Battles & Encampments Moorpark, California  
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Wagon, Forge  
Contact: Terry Thompson
- 22-23 Equipment Put Away Work Party  
Camp Warhorse Salinas CA  
Contact: William Entriiken

December - No Events -

## 2015

### January

- 18 CHAS Annual Meeting  
TBA  
Contact: Ted Miljevich
- 24-25 NPS Living History Fort Point  
San Francisco, CA  
Contact: John Boyd

### February

- 07 CWRS Live Fire  
Orosi CA  
1 Cannon  
Contact: Scott Foster

### March

- TBA CWRS Battles & Encampments  
Mooney Grove Park Visalia CA  
Contact: Roger Boling
- 21-22 Equipment Maintenance Work Party  
Driver Training & Cannoneer Drilling  
Camp Warhorse Salinas CA  
Contact: William Entriiken

### April

- TBA SCCWA Battles & Encampment  
Prado Regional Park, Chino Hills CA  
2 Cannons, 2 Teams & Ambulance  
Contact: Terry Thompson
- TBA Pacific Grove Parade  
Pacific Grove CA  
Contact: TBD
- TBA ACWA Battles & Encampments  
Mariposa CA  
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Wagon, Forge  
Contact: Terry Thompson

### May

- 02 Fort Ord Warhorse Day Living History  
City of Marina Equestrian Center Marina CA  
1 Cannon, 1 Team  
Contact: Katie Rejaian
- TBA NCWA Battles & Encampment  
Gibson Ranch Sacramento CA  
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Wagon  
Contact: Terry Thompson

## 2015 cont'd

- 20-25 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

- TBA NCWA Battles & Encampment  
Angel Island San Francisco CA  
Contact: NCWA

- 27-28 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party  
Duncans Mills, CA  
Contact: Ted Miljevich

### July

- 11-17 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party  
Duncans Mills, CA  
Contact: Ted Miljevich

- 18-19 CHAS Civil War Days  
Battles & Encampments  
Duncans Mills, CA  
Contact: Ted Miljevich

### August

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

### September

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

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

### October

- TBA FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day  
San Francisco, CA  
Contact: John Boyd
- TBA Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History  
Encampment  
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA  
1 Cannon, 1 Team & 1 Wagon/  
Ambulance  
Contact: Katie Rejaian

- 17-18 FHS & ACWA Civil War Revisited  
Battles & Encampments  
Kearney Park Fresno, CA  
Contact: Roger Boling

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





For ordering info of these four items email: [admin@warhorse.org](mailto:admin@warhorse.org)

Ball Cap



**\$15.00**

"Pedes" pin



**\$5.00**

CWD tee



**\$15.00**

"Pedes" tee

*You will always be with us Cpl. Red*



**\$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!!!!**  
 We still have some CHAS hats and CWD shirts in most sizes and colors!  
 New for next year ~ pre - order of STAFF CWD shirts



## Minutes of August 14, 2014 Meeting of California Historical Artillery Society Board of Directors

Present: Janice Neikirk, Ted Miljevich, Scott Foster, Roger Boling, Judith Boling, Terry Thompson, Katie Rejaian, John Boyd

Guests: William Entriiken

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM

Minutes of the June 15, 2014 meeting were read and corrected as necessary.

### Officer's Reports:

**Vice President:** John

John will send CHAS Duncan's Mills information to the owner of a website listing Civil War events,

**Corresponding Secretary:** Judith

Sent out new member packets to Carl Drake and Antonie Dvorakova .

**Treasurer:** Janice

Went over checks and disbursements

All tickets sold at Casini's are presale.

Quilt income should be listed under fundraising.

Leave horse cookie sales under promotional sales.

Money market account is still at West America.

### Commanders Reports:

Terry has contacted the Fresno Historical Society, and there is no money for bringing the horses.

The grand opening of the Presidio Officers Club is the same weekend as Ft. Mervine. In addition, the person that was in charge has quit. Terry is trying to find out who is their replacement.

Judith: There are 3 active San-Com members.

**Safety:** Roger

Looking for Safety reports for the incidents at Duncan's Mills.

Need to update the event map to remove the reference to a First Aid Station.

Dennis was injured loading horses into the modified Horse/Wagon trailer. Katie recommended that only the side ramp be used for loading horses.

Need to emphasize safety in horse loading and unloading.

**Fundraising:** Katie

Received \$245.00 from the Dona Esther restaurant event.

There are two \$1200.00, and one each \$600.00 and \$500.00 horse donations signed up for.

Will send out an e-mail blast with details for the E-script program.

Debbie Carlisi needs more budget details for Civil War Days, including hours, mileage and other expenses not accounted for.

**Materials and Acquisitions:** William

The Ordnance rifle at Salinas has a bent hook.

George Duncan is repairing the Yellow unit flag.

William needs a reasonable advance notice when equipment is going to be needed for an event or activity.

### Recruitment and Public Relations:

**New Recruits:** Nathan Bricklin, Driver, Team 1

Jared Bricklin, Reserve.

John sent notices out to members who had not renewed their memberships. Five said they would send their information.

**Cannon's Mouth:**

Katie suggested taking off the request for a printed copy from the membership form.

Katie is still working on the Warhorse.Org website. Civil War Days site is under control.

**By Laws:**

Judith has reviewed the Civilian job description and will send feedback to Wes.

**Historical / Educational:** omeone needs to look in the locked tool box on the Escort Wagon at the Ag Museum for some harness pieces that are supposed to be inside. The lock will need to be cut off and replaced with a new one. We also need to provide them with updated contact information.

**Events:**

Fort Point: August 16, Overnight event.

Tres Pinos: September 6 & 7.

Hawes Ranch: Sept. 27 & 28. Janice will work with Steve K.

Alcatraz: October 4

Ft. Mervine: October 4 & 5

Fresno: October 18 & 19. Terry will be event coordinator.

Bass Bowl: Terry T. will contact Phil. We should consider a plaque if no event.

Moorpark: November 9 & 10.

We will make the put away party TBD until event dates are clearer.

Annual Meeting: January 20. Katie looking for location.

Discussion regarding next year's events.

**Duncan's Mills recap:**

Should there be different tickets or something else to provide identification for reentry?

Ted requested that comp. tickets and brown handouts be printed and distributed now.

We are missing a lot of potential free advertising. We should work with Margie, as she can help. Need to determine a budget for her assistance.

Need to have a work party at DM on Sept. 13 & 14 to cover the following:

Six more CHAS picnic tables; Paint the Weenie Shack; Poles for Dance Lights; Expand storage van to hold tack.

There was discussion about public bringing in Ice Chests and Alcohol. Ice Chests are OK.

Nancy has volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator.

Some feel the battle scenarios are getting stale.

**Possible Events:**

Santa Rosa Rose Parade in May.

Mule Days in Bishop is too far away.

Red/White/Boom in Santa Rosa. William will check into it.

**New Business:**

Coal is needed for the forge. John will pick up.

Would like to get Ray's picture made into a decal. Janice suggested getting 50.

The Field Desk is finished. We need to pay \$200.00 to Dave Johnson.

William suggested a special wooden nickel instead of a card for reenactors at DM.

The red horse trailer is missing a bridle.

Ted announced he will not be running for President.

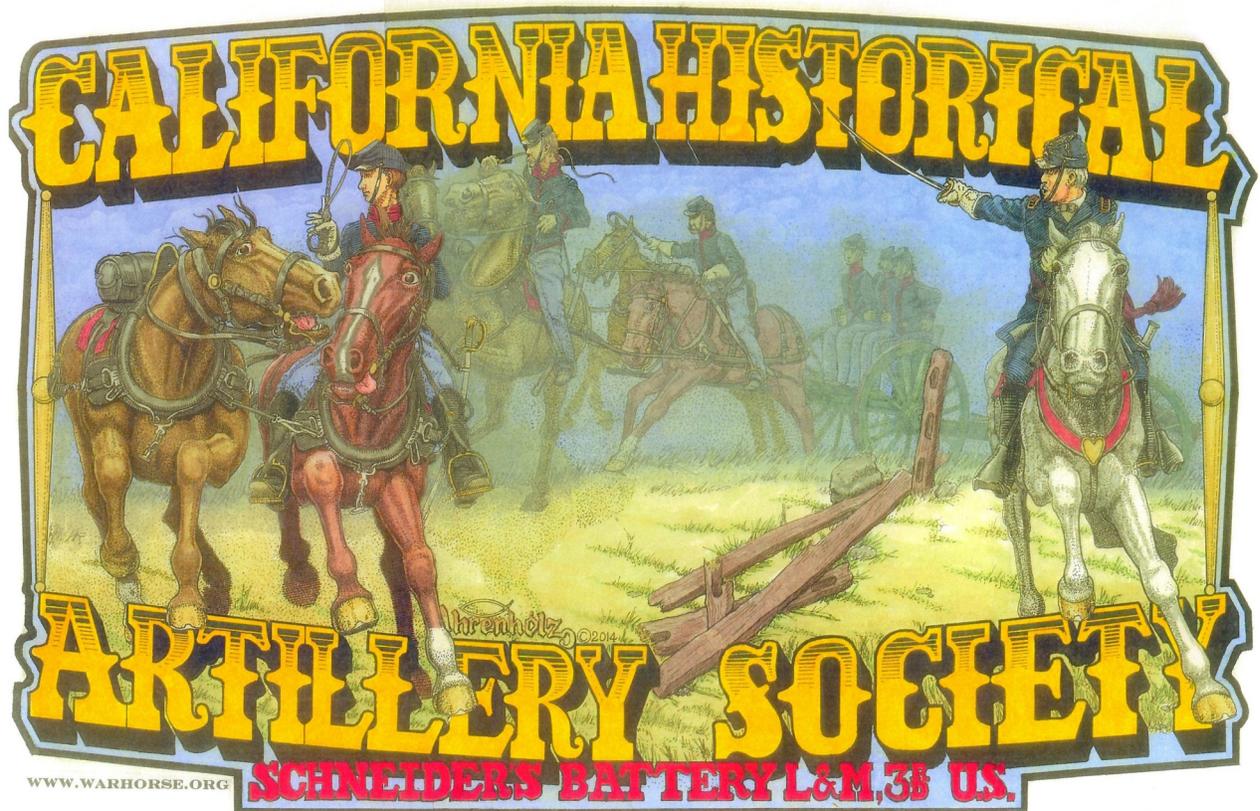
Next Meeting: October 24, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

*Haha, got ya! Ed.*



**Your Ray Ahrenholz T-shirt is STILL available!**



If you did not purchase yours at Civil War Days, it's not too late! Email Cpl. Iggy ([freenblest@hotmail.com](mailto:freenblest@hotmail.com)) with your color (blue or gray) and size. Price is \$20, plus shipping if necessary.



**CALL TO ARMS ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
3RD  
MOORPARK NOVEMBER 8 & 9**  
**Contact your Captain Terry Thompson regarding your participation.**  
**Let's do this!! New location!**  
**[tjthompson@wirelesstcp.net](mailto:tjthompson@wirelesstcp.net)**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Work off some of those Thanksgiving calories in advance! Drivers esp needed to clean tack at our last work party of the year at Camp Warhorse!

November 22 & 23

Contact QM Sgt. Wm: [kk6exn@gmail.com](mailto:kk6exn@gmail.com)

## 3rd US Roster Assignments 2014

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Thompson, Terry		Qtr Master Sgt.	Entriiken, 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	Name	Report To
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	Name	Report To
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

Team Corporal	Name	Report To
Team Corporal	<b>Faubel, Wes</b>	Gun Sgt.
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

Team Corporal	Name	Report To
Team Corporal	<b>Rejaian, Katie</b>	Gun Sgt.
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

Soldier's Aid	Boling, Judith
Soldier's Aid	Owens, Evelyn
Soldier's Aid	Thompson, Donna

### Supporting

Supporting	Lewis, Thomas
Supporting	Pico, Sharon

### Unassigned

Unassigned	Amari, Gary	Unassigned
Unassigned	Bowles, Keith	Unassigned
Unassigned	Burnham, Nancy	Unassigned
Unassigned	Byrne, Jeanne	Unassigned
Unassigned	Dombroski, Ken	Unassigned
Unassigned	Dunne, Cary	Unassigned
Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	Unassigned
Unassigned	Faubel, Carolyn	Unassigned
Unassigned	Faubel, Melinda	Unassigned
Unassigned	Forseth, Phillip	Unassigned

### Medical

Medical	Rogers, Keith
Medical	Rogers, Laurie
Medical	Foster, Karen
Medical	Ginos, Alan
Medical	Ginos, Barbara
Medical	Hawkins, Bill
Medical	Hawkins, Virginia
Medical	Langman, Chip
Medical	Moretti, Scott
Medical	Morgan, Jeannine
Medical	Thelen, Carl



# HORSE PLAY DAYS AT CAMP CAISSON



For those attending (Wes Faubel, Teri Moretti, Garth Neikirk, Dee Murphy, Alan Ginos, Tery Thompson, Evelyn Owens, Katie Rejaian, and Antonie Dvorakova), Horse Play Days at Camp Caisson were a huge success. At first we explored the local area, riding through the ranch and campground, exploring the banks of Russian River, and checking on the Freezeout Flats battlefield. Then Paul hauled us to Bodega Bay, where we explored beaches while Paul and Nancy enjoyed local clam chowder. This was arguably the first time CHAS horses got so close to the ocean, which they handled bravely. During Spring Horse Play Days experienced riders checked out the dunes and beaches, and during Summer Horse Play Days less experienced riders got to do the same. Finally we acquired passes to the Willow Creek State Park, and therefore took CHAS Horse Play Days into new heights. We headed onto the Islands in the Sky Vista Trail, which is named so for a very good reason. The horses having fun throughout were Brimstone, Badger, Brodie, and Gwen. The last Horse Play Days event is tentatively planned for November 22 - 23, 2014. Should anyone be able to commit to teaching relative beginners there, please let me know at [advorak@uchicago.edu](mailto:advorak@uchicago.edu). Otherwise only riders who can prepare their horses without help and ride without instruction will unfortunately be able to attend.



## Bethany Faubel Remembered

By Ted Miljerich

We have said goodbye to many members in the unit over the years. But never to one who came to us so young, had been with the unit so long, and departed from us still so young. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Bethany, knew she was a great person who helped the unit on and off the field in many ways. She was always there for the unit and, as a person, she was a real joy to be around. For those who attended the services and heard the words of so many recant stories about her, I can only echo the words of her being a really great person who did many things to help the unit. More to the point, she was just a great person who touched all those with whom she came in contact.



Bethany was known for her pipeline information network. She always seemed to have the latest scoop or story on everything and everyone. "Hot off the press," I would call it. If I wanted to know something, I would search her out. Although, looking back, it always seemed she would get more information out of me than I was getting from her. We know her long time role as Company Clerk helped her with the pipeline. Bethany, I am sure I echo the question of many when I ask, 'Do Tell' us how green the fields are over on the other side. Someday we will all find out, but any advance information would be appreciated.

At Duncans Mills Saturday night, the Unit held a ceremonial firing of a cannon in remembrance. A hand-picked crew, led by Cpt. Alan, fired one shot. It was very moving...here are some pics



MORE PICS OF... TED! Yes YOU!



## CIVIL WAR DAYS REVISITED ~

*From Anonymous*

Many wonderful people help a great deal in making Civil War Days a superb event. I would like to thank each and every person, but it is well known that you can attend the event and never even see some of the volunteers.

We have parking lot workers, truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, and weenie shack employees who spend the whole time in the shack and work long hours. Our registration volunteers do a GREAT job at helping out all the reenactors get quickly signed in and preview the merchandise. This year we actually took orders and delivered the goods Friday night! Our volunteers come and go and some are so invisible that the only way we know they are there is when another volunteer drives a bunch of meals out to all the positions that are in "no-mans" land!

A great big thank you also needs to be said for those who drive equipment, cannons, horses, battery wagons, trailers, load rolling stock and then arrive to unload it as well. Creating the "company street," placing tents and flies in the correct spots, cones in the parking areas (even if we run out of limestone), making new tent poles and stakes because one-half of the stakes are missing in the wooden boxes. Shopping for the kitchen and shopping twice for the weenie shack because we ran out of food Thank You! A HUGE thank you to our cooks otherwise we would starve for the weekend!



We want to thank all of the employees over at Casini Ranch Campground for helping out tremendously. They have done small and large amounts of work that go unnoticed: they sold over \$1,700 worth of entry tickets, they make sure that horse cookies are refilled and sold, t-shirts are in stock and help us locate more cookies and pig rings for making bags of ice! Of course those showers are GREAT and we love being allowed to use them after too many days dirty. Next time at you're at the store, tell the person behind the counter Thank You!



Now as we all know there is no way to thank correctly each individual person and if you came out, grabbed a shovel, bagged some cookies (120 pounds were bagged!), watered a horse, loaded or unloaded equipment, looked for a fire extinguisher,

put rocks around the fire pit, moved wood for the fire pits or whatever assignment Ted gave you, or you just did, CHAS wants to THANK YOU!!!

We are looking forward to having some new ideas and suggestions for Civil War Days, maybe one of the ideas thrown out will be tried out and it just might be an improvement to the current event. Please send ideas to the board.

We would LOVE to see more reenactors come out to participate and more visitors so any help in this is greatly appreciated. Did you think of something that would make set-up or take-down easier, or a new vision for battles??? This is an event put on to please the masses and maybe YOU have a suggestion no one has ever brought up before and the Board of Directors can think about it and it just might work!

Thanks again to all who helped for without all of you, and all of those many hours, Civil War Days would NOT happen!

See you all next summer (*if not before - Ed*)! If you took pictures please send them on so others can see them. Also make sure to look at Facebook for many new photos.

*Ed Note-thank you Ted for doing more than anyone, and doing it for so long! You ARE CWD!!*



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