

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

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California Historical Artillery Society

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



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Commander's Call

Terry Thompson

To my troops,

Our season has ended. Much needed time for winter quarters and taking care of family and homes. What an amazing year it has been for me. I am humbled at every event by the love and support my troops give me. Although I had a couple of close calls this fall, your steadfastness continues to invigorate me.

I am planning to "throw my hat into the ring" for another year and I hope this is pleasing to the unit. If not, I'll be out on my tush.

Enjoy your holidays and families. Take care of your farms. Next season will be upon us sooner than we think. Blessings be with you.

Humbly,

Capt Terry Thompson

School of the Horse Soldier— March 18-20, 2016

Cavalry school taught by world renowned saddle maker and cavalry school expert Doug Kidd of Borderstates Leatherworks, Jeff Wall and Dan McCloskey. Come learn everything about civil war horse cavalry.

Horse Soldier School will be conducted Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday in Salinas, California. This will be Doug Kidd's last cavalry school he is conducting so do not miss this event.

Attendees will receive a School of the Horse Soldier handout, excellent instruction, chances to do maneuvers and drills taught by the very best instructors in mounted cavalry.

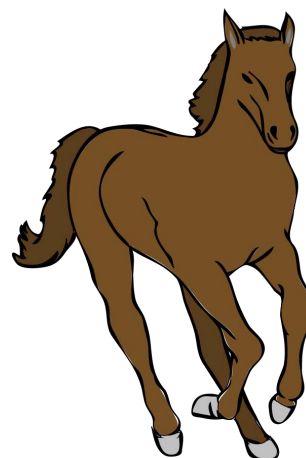
Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Mitovich

The year has wound down quickly. Thanks for all the hard work this year by all the members. See you all at the Annual Meeting.

EL DUCE

Annual Meeting
January 17th, 2016
California Auto Museum
2200 Front St
Sacramento
10am
Bring a side dish; meat
provided by CHAS



Sept 12-13 Tres Pinos

The San Benito County Historical Society and the NCWA hosts this fine event.

CHAS brought the ambulance, a supply wagon and a cannon. The 'battlefield' mixed into the town so the cannon didn't see a lot of action. However, the ambulance and supply wagon were greatly welcomed.

Tres Pinos is a small little bump in the road with an interesting history. The town of Tres Pinos was originally located 5 miles south of the town of Paicines. The opposite is true today.

The railroad was to build a line to Tres Pinos. By 1873, Southern Pacific Railroad made it to Paicines and it ran two passenger and two freight trains a day. So in 1874 the names of the two towns were switched so the railroad could say they built a line all the way to Tres Pinos.

Today, the San Benito County Historical Society maintains the historical park with diverse collection of historic homes, buildings, vehicles, and farm implements.

Excellent news article about the event: http://www.sanbenitocountytoday.com/news/nonprofits/armed-for-a-history-lesson-at-civil-war-days/article_14aeb9f2-5d60-11e5-b035-f7914543eb27.html



4 up supply wagon team

Even more amazing article about Dennis Winfrey and rescuing race horses.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/video/#!/on-air/as-seen-on/Salinas-Rancher-Rescues-Dozens-Of-Retired-Race-Horses,-Gives-Them-Second-Career,-Second-Life/330990581>

Oct 2-4 Ft Mervine Living History at Lower Presidio Monterey

Fort Mervine is hosted by the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" Camp Abraham Lincoln # 10 of Santa Cruz, CA. The event is all about living history and telling stories. The reenactors have quality time to tell about their unit, their weapons, their medical implements, and their lives. CHAS recruited a couple of new members and put up an 8 up.



Unfortunately, the horse also got the best of us. Somehow, they managed to upset the limber on Saturday and the cannon on Sunday. Sneaky fellows! Note to self, don't tie the horse unattended to implements.



As some of you may have noticed, your Captain is in Sgt gear. This has been a very trying year with many conspiracies and assassination attempts. Fort Mervine brought another attempt on my life. We fired a demonstration round for the observers. As I prepared to bring up another round, one of the infantry demonstration team fired a little low. I fell and pretended mortal wounds. Thankfully Stable Sgt Winfrey took the leathers and hid my non demise.

Oct 24-25 Kearney Park Fresno

For the first time in several years, CHAS made it to Kearney Park. We took an ambulance and out rider. Poor Bingo was called into service for the cavalry on Saturday. He performed well but needed much rest afterward.

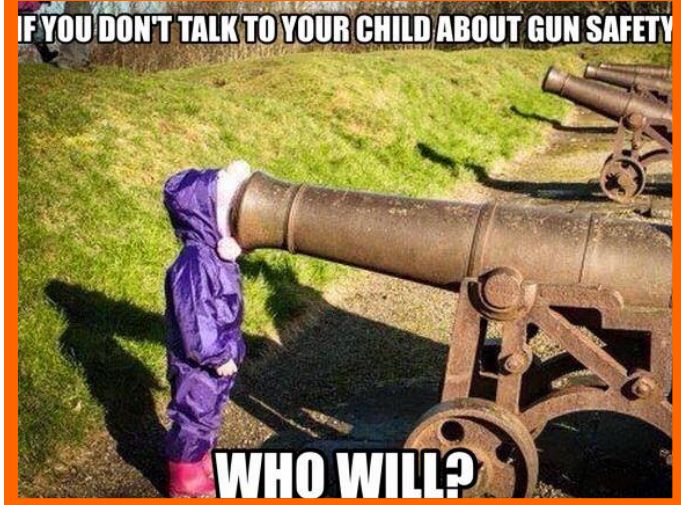
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Safety Corner



Nov 7-8 Moorpark

For the past two years, the battles near the hamlet of Moorpark have changed. Last year we were on a very hilly ravine with little maneuvering room. This year, we had a huge field (by Southern California standards) in which to move the cannon around. The event was at Cal Lutheran University. As normal in SoCal, the Santa Ana winds blew on Friday downing tents and flies as fast as reenactors could prop them up. Saturday, more wind. The field was on a slight hill and freshly plowed. The horses performed well considering we didn't give them any other option. A special thanks to the Santa Clarita crew—Luann, Dennis & Jim. And to an East Coaster—Dennis Lenz visiting from Pennsylvania.



Bass Bowl Oct 30th

Here is the deal. We get free labor for Duncans Mills in exchange for firing a cannon at the Bass Bowl—High School rivalry game between Clear Lake (Lakeport) and Kelseyville high schools. Phil is the “guy” who brings the students to Duncans Mills and coordinates our firing. Staff Sgt Cameron Bornowski, USA recruiter from the South, got the thrill of his life. I think we will see him and a couple of buddies at Duncans Mills next year.

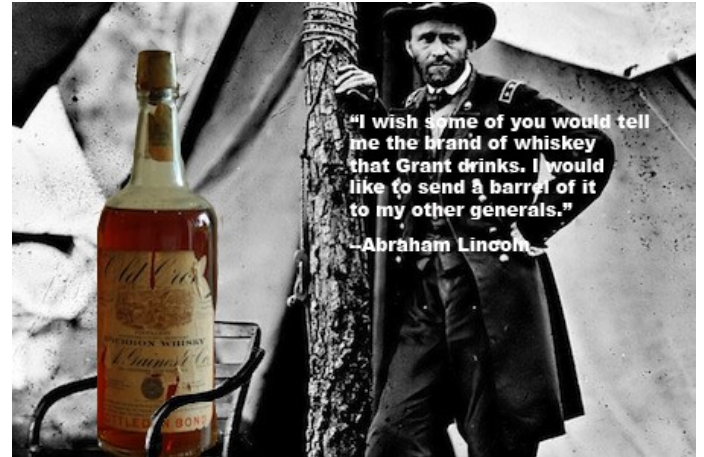
To read about the game: <http://www.record-bee.com/sports/20151029/bass-bowl-vi-is-for-pride-only>

Cannon's Mouth Submissions

Due by the 28th of each month

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

**I'm a slow walker, but I
never walk back.
Abraham Lincoln**



Why yes, that is your Captain on a long horn steer. When in Texas.....

I must say, the saddle was much more comfy than a McClellan. Just saying.



Step aside Fireball.



**This should be in the
safety message.**



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Ball Cap



\$15.00

"Pedes" pin



\$5.00

CWD tee

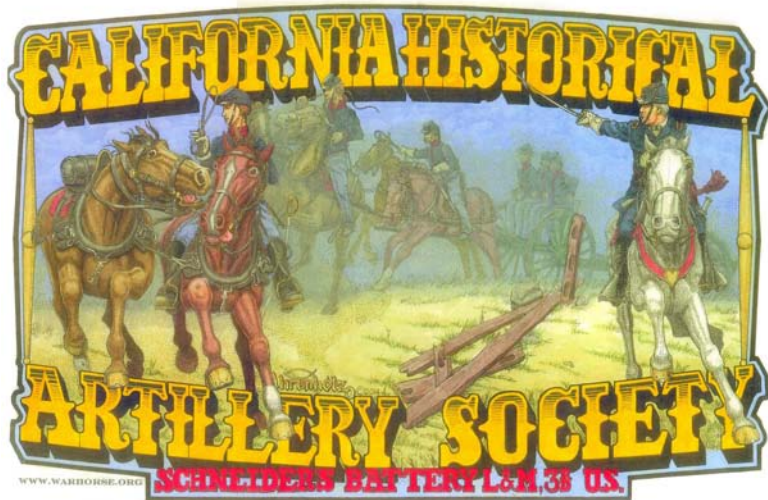


\$15.00

"Pedes" tee



\$15.00



T-shirts available in the Ray Ahrenholz design.

3rd US Roster Assignments 2015

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	Lopuch, Steven	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	O'Connell, Chris	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gillich, Mabel	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Palmer, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gumbley, Ben	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Schnodous, Samuel	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lopuch, Steven	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Thorne, Philip	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

Artificer	Ahrenholz, Ray	1st Sgt.
Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st Sgt.

Signal Corps

Dombrowski, Ken	Captain
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Medical

Physician	Rogers, Keith
Nurse	Rogers, Laurie

Civilians

Civilian Coordinator	Boling, Judith	
Photographer	Gold, Howard	Civ Coordinator
Soldier Aid	Thompson, Donna	Civ Coordinator

Reserves

Amari, Gary	Byrne, Jeannie	Faubel, Carolyn	Hawkins, Virginia	Morgan, Jeanne	Sullivan, Lisa
Burnham, Nancy	Czarnowski, Jill	Foster, Karen	Johnson, William D	Neikirk, Garth	Thompson, Gary
Burtz, Daniel	Czarnowski, Peter	Hawkins, Bill	Martinez, Thomas	Neikirk, Janice	



2015—2016 Schedule of Events*

December

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

2016*

January

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

30-31 NPS Living History Fort Point
San Francisco, CA
Contact: John Boyd

February

06 CWRS Live Fire
Orosi CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Scott Foster

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

March

05-06 CWRS Battles & Encampments
Mooney Grove Park Visalia CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Roger Boling

19-20 Equipment Maintenance Work Party
Driver Training & Cannoneer Drilling
Camp Warhorse Salinas CA
Contact: William Entriiken

April

1-2 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

16-17 ACWA Battles & Encampments
Mariposa CA
2 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: Terry Thompson

TBA Pacific Coast Dream Machine Static Display
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: Dee Murphy

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

May

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

14 Luther Burbank Rose Parade
Santa Rosa, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance
Contact: Dee Murphy

27-30 ACWA Battles & Encampment
Roaring Camp Felton CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses

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

June

11-12 NCWA Battles & Encampment
Angel Island San Francisco CA
Contact: NCWA

18-19 San Juan Bautista Battles & Encampment
1 Cannon, 1 Team, 1 Wagon/Ambulance
Contact: Ken Dombrowski

25 San Benito Horse Parade
San Benito, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance
Contact: Dee Murphy

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

July

TBA Don Ester Restaurant Fundraiser
San Juan Bautista, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: Dee Murphy

09-15 CHAS Civil War Days Set Up Work Week
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

16-17 **CHAS Civil War Days Battles & Encampments**
Duncans Mills, CA
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Forge
Contact: Ted Miljevich

23-24 CHAS Civil War Days Put Away Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

August

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

September

9-11 NCWA Battles & Encampment
San Benito Historic Park, Tres Pinos, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: Scott Foster

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

October

1-2 Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History & Encampment
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team & 1 Wagon/Ambulance
Contact: Katie Rejaian

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

TBA ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments
Kearney Park Fresno, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
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

19-20 CHAS Put Away Work Party
Camp Warhorse, Salinas, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

Dates are tentative and subject to change



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American Civil War Society (ACWS)

<http://www.acws.net/>

Civil War Re-enactment Society (CWRS)

<http://www.cwrs.info>

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<http://www.ccwr.us/>

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