

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

newsletter of the
California Historical Artillery Society

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



December 2017



Annual Meeting
Sunday January 14th
10AM,
California Auto Museum,
2200 Front St, Sacramento
10am

Bring a side dish;
meat provided by CHAS
All members and guests are
welcome to attend.

To speak at the meeting, individuals
must be members in good standing

The most famous Christmas gift of the war was sent by telegram from William Tecumseh Sherman to Abraham Lincoln on December 22, 1864. "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 100 and 50 guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton." The gift, of course, wasn't the guns, the ammunition or the cotton, but the beginning of the end of the Civil War.



Christmas Eve, Harper's Weekly, January 3, 1863



CHAS Elections for 2018

We will again be utilizing the Internet for online e-voting. I will be using your emails from the CHAS member database. Each member must have a unique email address to participate in online voting, so if you have a family email only, each eligible member will need to get their own address, or vote by USPS mail. Members whose emails bounce or are undeliverable will receive a USPS ballot. Anyone may request to vote by regular mail instead of online.

Online voting is secure and confidential. As elections officer, I will not know how anyone voted, but I will know who voted online. As a result, I will have a list of those voters who did not vote online, and they will be able to cast a vote at the annual meeting in January. But it's always better to go ahead and vote early if you can, in case something comes up and you don't make the annual meeting! If you were mailed a ballot through the US Postal Service, that is your official ballot and you cannot get a replacement at the meeting. Be sure CHAS has your current mailing address.

As a reminder, members age 14-18 (as of the 2018 annual meeting) will only be voting for their commanding officer, not the board of directors positions.

Actual voting will begin sometime in mid to late December, and you will be sent a "heads up" email before the election begins.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Carolyn Faubel, carolyncork@gmail.com, or [\(530\) 410-3585](tel:5304103585).

Candidate Statements

President

Members of CHAS. To mark our 20th anniversary of CHAS being a 501c3. I would ask your support to be your president again. We have some big challenges ahead of us regarding moving our headquarters from Salinas to DM. We have some very pressing financial issues along with the ever shrinking membership issue to the reenacting hobby as a whole. With your support, I am willing to continue as your president.

Thank you
Ted Miljevich

Treasurer

Now that I have a better handle on CHAS finances, would like to continue as Treasurer for the coming year. There are a lot of challenges in front of us.

Thank You,
Alan Ginos

Recording Secretary

I am running again for Recording Secretary. I have served in this position for many years and would like to continue. This is one of the ways that I contribute to many tasks necessary to running CHAS. I would appreciate your vote.

Scott Foster

Vice President

Members of CHAS, I have served as your vice president this past year and would like to continue to be a voice as the many changes still to take place, take place. I have been actively serving this club by attending events, board meetings and work parties. I have also donated toward the horse rescue fund. I am committed to helping CHAS through this transition and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Thompson

Corresponding Secretary

I am seeking re-election as your Corresponding Secretary. I have enjoyed serving in this office since 2012, and welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the CHAS membership in this capacity.

Best Regards,
Judith A. Boling

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Member at Large—2

I've proudly served you on the board as Member at Large for 2 years. I'd like to continue serving you at this position in the coming year. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Evelyn Owens

CHAS members

Well, it's election time again.

I humbly ask for your vote to fill the position of member at large on the board. CHAS faces some changes this year as we complete the relocation of our club assets, up north, to Camp Cason. I believe my experience and knowledge make me well qualified to assist in these efforts.

I again ask for your support.

Thank you

Roger Boling

Unit Commander

I am running for commander again next year. My plan is for the unit to go to 5 large events with team and gun. These are Mariposa, Gibson Ranch, Roaring Camp, DM and Fresno. Roaring Camp will be a gun only of course. I have not yet seen an RACW event list but would like to try for one of theirs too.

I am looking forward to next year.

William Entriiken

A Civil War Christmas Story

Sometimes Santa Claus worked behind the scenes of wartime savagery to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to those who otherwise had little reason to celebrate. Following Union Major General William T. Sherman's capture of Savannah, Georgia, and presentation of it as a Christmas gift to Lincoln in 1864, about 90 Michigan men and their captain in turn gave a token of charity to Southern civilians living outside the city. On Christmas Day the soldiers loaded several wagons full of food and other supplies and distributed the items about the ravaged Georgia countryside. The destitute Southerners thanked the jolly Union Santa Clauses as the wagons pulled away under the power of mules that had tree-branch "antlers" strapped to their heads to turn them into makeshift reindeer.

Pyro Guy Wanted

Chris Horn wants to retire. He will come to the 20th Annual Civil War Days with the plan to train up a new ground charge guru.

If you are interested in blowing stuff up, please let Ted know as soon as possible.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We all joined CHAS for a myriad of reasons. Mine was my love of history and the historic era in which the Civil War was fought. Others of you joined because of your love of horses and it was a fulfilling way of being around horses without owning one of your own. Others were drug along by their respective spouses and have learned that they too find our hobby interesting and fun. On top of all that we have all made lifelong friends; people we count on as family in a way. However way you joined, you joined and you enjoy what we have to offer.

With saying all of this, I have been asked by the board to begin a campaign of volunteers. Joining an organization such as CHAS takes a village to run. We consider our membership as the village. This past July we had our annual Civil War Days event, and boy what an event it turned out to be! This particular year was amazing on so many levels. It just seemed to click. We didn't have any real major safety violations, the weather was superb and the public very responsive and excited to be there with the exclamation "We will be back next year..."

There were a few issues and one in particular was **participation**, CHAS members were down; while other reenactment groups numbers were up; now what is wrong with that picture? With this particular event we need all hands on deck. Not only to play, which is an important and integral part of the event, but to also help with the event as a whole. Yes, we are a volunteer organization and yes we can't **MAKE** you do anything you don't want to do. But really, we are all adults and in order to keep Civil War Days and CHAS going year after year your help is REALLY needed and yes I am going to say it, required.

We all know Civil War Days is the best reenactment in all of California and maybe this side of the Mississippi and in order to keep it as such we are going to need the help and everybody who belongs to the organization. There are numerous ways for you to not only help, but allow you to play at the same time. Has it ever occurred to you as you play, a whole bunch of your CHAS colleagues aren't playing because things need to be manned such as the Weenie Shack, the Time Tunnel, and the Info Booth. On Friday night, Reenactor check in is a very busy spot and 1 or 2 people can't hold it down all afternoon and evening. We have had the check in open until 11/11:30 Friday evening.

There are also events that occur prior to and even after the event itself; help is needed to get the field ready for the camps and battlefield. Not knowing what the winter might bring to Freezeout, there could be repairs to the Weenie Shack for the picnic tables etc. I know that sometimes communications for upcoming work weekends may not come in a timely manner. We will be working on setting up schedules so you know farther in advance to a work party weekend.

Something else to think about. Maybe you have a friend or a relative that has told you they are interested in going to Civil War Days. You can ask them if they would like to help us out. Let them know that there is dry camping right outside the gate (free). They would get their meals provided for them. They would be able to attend for free and CHAS would get the help.

In the next few months I will be sending out reminders of these types of volunteer events and as Civil War Days gets closer next year I hope to talk to each of you and see what you can do to help. Remember, you can make a difference.

Donna Thompson



A Civil War "Night Before Christmas,"

or,

A Visit From St. Sutler

by Celia Mater

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the camp
The rations were scarce, and the firewood was damp.
Wet stockings were hung by the firesides with care
In hopes that by day they'd be dry enough to wear.
The soldiers were nestled all snug in their tents
While visions of Christmas feasts danced through their heads.
The General in his wall tent, and I with nightcap
Had just settled ourselves for a long winter's nap.
When out on the picket line there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my cot to see what was the matter.
Away to the provost I flew like a flash,
Grabbed pistol and leathers and officer's sash.
When what to my wondering eyes did appear
But a miniature wagon and eight Army mules.--Queer!--
And a little old driver so lively and quick.
By the way that he cussed he sure wasn't St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his Army mules came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
*"Now, Sherman, now Burnside, now Pope and McClelland,
On, Rosecrans! On, Sheridan! On, Grant and McClellan!
To the top of the A-frames and the top of the tent wall,
Dash away, dash away, dash away all!"*
As Rebs that before the wild Yank onslaught fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, manage to shy,
So through company streets the "coursers" they flew
With a wagon of goodies--and the old sutler too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard vocal jewels:
The musical hee-haws of eight Army mules.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Into the tent the man came with a bound.
He was dressed all in wool from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with mud and with soot.
A bundle of canned goods he'd flung on his back,
And he looked like a sutler just opening his pack.
(That's what he was, of course.)
His eyes--how they twinkled! His whiskers, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard on his chin was a white as the snow.
The stump of a stogie he held in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly.
He'd brought vittles for us--fresh pies, cakes, and jelly.
He was chubby and plump--no diet of hardtack.
And I was quite interested in the food in his backpack.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know he had brought some *soft* bread.
He spoke not a word, but unloaded his treasures:
Roast turkeys and hams and *bottles* in full measures.
Then laying a finger aside of his nose,
And giving a salute, to his feet he then rose.
He sprang to his wain, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight:
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



The Reb Versions

*Now, Stonewall, now, Mudwall,
Now, Longstreet and Baylor!
On, Stuart, on Forrest,
On Lee and Dick Taylor!*

*Now, Ewell, Now Trimble,
Now Barksdale and Kemper!
On, Pickett, on Pillow,
And on, Dorsey Pender!*

*Now, Price, and now, Hindman,
Now, Marmaduke, Van Dorn!
On, Holmes, Strahl, and Morgan,
On Gist, Pike, and Cleburne!*



October 16 Work Party at Duncans Mills

All, a great work party took place on Monday, October 16th. My crew put the water proof tarps on both vans and put a tarp to cover the open covered storage area that now has both wagon and ambulance stored under cover. They also unloaded and put in one of Salinas storage vans, the Caisson, limber, forge and battery wagon and gun and limber. So all 8 CHAS rolling stock is protected for the winter. Paul, Alan and Katie also helped move all the trailers to the new CHAS area and finished moving the balance of the CHAS gear that has so far been hauled up there to cover in the other van for the winter. Both Salinas vans are full. So all is complete up in Duncans Mills for now. Next step is finish Warhorse move. Ted



Work Party 11-4-17

First loads of wagons leave
Camp Warhorse.



Rain
Delay

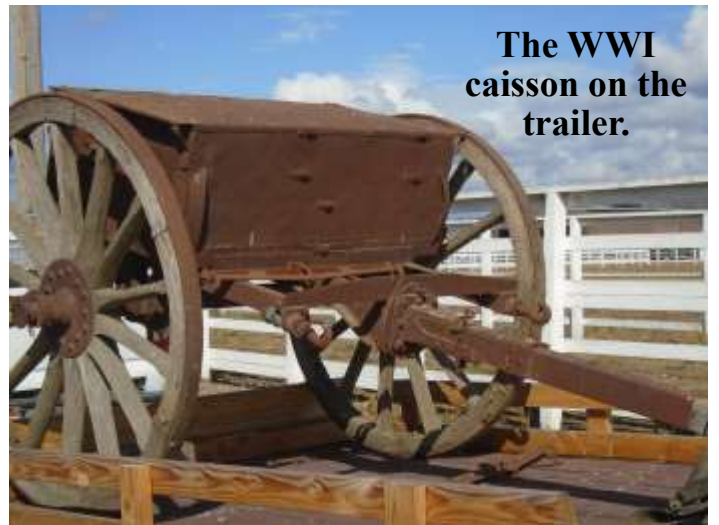


Many thanks to John G. for taking his
load to Terry's. Other work party
members were Ted, William, Terry and
Terry's nephew's AJ and William Theis.

The sign has been
removed.



The WWI
caisson on the
trailer.



Work Party 11-11-17

Roger, Judith, Ted, Wes & Terry



All the saddles in the tack room fit in the wagon or Terry's pick up.



Wes with a load from the boiler room.

Work Party 11-18-17

Roger, Terry, John G, William & Alan
Special thanks to Jeannie Byrne for her
trailer and storing a load of treasures.



Final tack and records from Tack Room



Mud wagon strapped down



Mule Pack with open and closed boxes

A great many thanks to all who were able to help with the Warhorse clean out and Duncans Mills set up. At the end of this day, there was still a little clean up to do but not very much.

2018 will be a year of great transition. Much work is needed at Duncans Mills to get Camp Caisson up and running.

And a great many thanks to Dennis and Pat Winfrey for their years of service to the California Historical Artillery Society!



Salvaging Gates

Minutes for the October 8, 2017,

Meeting of the California Historical Artillery Society Board of Directors.

Present: Ted Miljevich, Scott Foster, Judith Boling, William Entriiken, Alan Ginos, Terry Thompson, Evelyn Owens

Guests: Roger Boling, Wes Faubel, Donna Thompson

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM

Minutes of the August 13, 2017 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Duncan's Mills Discussion.

Donna has not been able to connect with Natalie.

Need to put a "Help Wanted" ad in the Cannon's Mouth for someone to learn and take over the ground charges from Chris Horn as this will be his last year.

There was a work party over Labor Day weekend to demo the old bleachers and stack the wood.

Need to organize a work party to clean up at Warhorse and move equipment to Duncan's Mills.

Safety: Roger

Discussion of work party safety and liability issues which was expressed as a concern of the Casini Enterprises board. We should add verbiage to membership waiver forms adding Casini Ent. For non-members to work at Duncan's Mills, they will need to sign a separate waiver.

Terry T. will write up a report regarding her near miss while working on the bleacher demolition.

Fundraising:

Still need bios from William and Scott.

Ted discussed his approaching the membership regarding sponsoring horses. He still needs to write his article.

Recruitment and Public Relations:

The E-Mail list for the Digital Bugler needs to be updated. Judith will contact Debbie with current membership listing to confirm list updated.

All committees need a Board Member as a committee member.

There was significant discussion regarding how to best utilize Facebook.

Donna will contact Natalie about her availability and let Ted know.

Katie has shown the Board a draft of the new website.

Materials and Acquisition:

Need a new Materials and Acquisition Chairman as the equipment has not been maintained properly and needs major work. Alan volunteered and it was M/S/P for him to take over.

Have started moving equipment to Duncan's Mills. Will need to have additional work parties to sort, organize, move, and clean up.

Doug Kidd Appraisal: Alan presented a summary of the costs for having Doug Kidd come and appraise the equipment Dennis is donating to the unit. The cost was \$4,571.79.

Alan handed out a rough summary of the appraisal. It did not include the various wagons and other rolling stock as the intent was to have someone else do that. CHAS may now have to arrange and pay for that as well.

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Treasurer's Report: Alan

Reviewed the recent checks and disbursements. There was discussion as how to show income and expenses in the Cannon's Mouth.

Events:

There was discussion about how we communicate about events and contact members. Need to make sure the Digital Bugler distribution list is up to date and determine how we best use Facebook. Are there other resources should we be using?

Donna will be the coordinator for the Annual Meeting and will send out an announcement seeking a Yes/No response about attendance.

Currently looking at committing to 5 events next season. Other events will be open options.

Bylaws:

Terry brought up our Mission Statement. It was M/S/P to add it to the SOP and incorporate it into the back of the Cannon's Mouth.

Elections: Need to get candidate statements to Carolyn. She has volunteered to be elections coordinator.

Next meeting will be November 5 at 10:00AM

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.





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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 2017

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Entriiken, William		Quartermaster Sgt	Hasslinger, Garrett	Captain
1st Lieutenant			Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	1st Sgt.
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Newton, Melinda	Stable Sgt.
Company Clerk	Owens, Evelyn	1st Sgt.			

Guns & Teams

Chief of Piece	O'Connell, Chris	1st Sgt.		2017 Non Re-enlist
Gun Corporal		Gun Sgt.		Amari, Gary
Cannoneer	Thelan, Carl	Gun Sgt.		Boyd, John
Cannoneer	Bettencourt, Austin	Gun Sgt.		Bradford, Bryan
Cannoneer	Murphy, Brooke	Gun Sgt.		Carlisi, Debbie
Cannoneer	Hales, Natalie	Gun Sgt.		Casini, Paul
Cannoneer	Gillich, Mabel	Gun Sgt.		D'Agostino, Mary
Cannoneer	Murphy, Sierra	Gun Sgt.		Ebert, Robert
Cannoneer	Duncan, George	Gun Sgt.		Gumbley, Ben
Cannoneer	Hayes, Austin	Gun Sgt.		Gumbley, Nancy
Cannoneer	Hayes, Heather	Gun Sgt.		Krshul, Steven
Cannoneer	Hayes, Parker	Gun Sgt.		Lavrischeff, Paul
Cannoneer	Graham, Demetrius	Gun Sgt.		Martinez Jr., Thomas
				Mayer, Robert
				Merritt, Susan
Team Corporal	Berry, Michael	Gun Sgt.		Palmer, Ray
Driver	Faubel, Wes	Team Cpl.		Rogers, Keith
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.		Rogers, Laurie
Driver	Murphy, Dee	Team Cpl.		Sullivan, Lisa
Driver	Fischer, Peter	Team Cpl.		Thelan, Rose
Driver	Ginos, Alan	Team Cpl.		Weston, Mark
Driver	Gillich, John	Team Cpl.		

	Artificers			Signal Corps	
Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st Sgt.	Signalman	Dombroski, Ken	Captain
	Medical			Civilians	
Physician			Civilian Coordinator	Boling, Judith	
Nurse			Soldier Aid	Thompson, Donna	Civ Coordinator
				Entriiken, Kecia	
				Entriiken, Meagan	
				Entriiken, Kaiya	
				Rejaian, Katie	

Reserves

Horton, James	Faubel, Carolyn	Moretti, Teri	Hawkins, Virginia	Morgan, Jeannine
Byrne, Jeannie	Foster, Karen	Moretti, Scott	Johnson, William D	Thompson, Terry
Burtz, Daniel	Hawkins, Bill	Navarro, Ange-	Thompson, Gary	Rejaian, Katie



2018 Schedule of Events*

Planned strong showing at events in red

January 2018

14 Annual Meeting
California Auto Museum, Sacramento

NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA

February

CWRS Live Fire
Orosi, CA
Contact: Scott Foster

March

CWRS Battles & Encampments
Mooney Grove Park, Visalia, CA

Celtic Festival Living History
Motherlode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

NPS Living History
Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA

17-18 Blue & Gray Civil War Reenactment
Moorpark, CA

April

ACWA Battles & Encampments
Mariposa, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

NCWA Gibson Ranch
Sacramento, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

May

26-28 ACWA Battles & Encampment
Roaring Camp, Felton, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: William Entriiken

June

NCWA Battles & Encampment
Angel Island, San Francisco, CA

July

7-13 CHAS Civil War Days Set Up Work Week
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

14-15 CHAS Civil War Days Battles & Encampments

Duncans Mills, CA
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Forge
Contact: William Entriiken

16 CHAS Civil War Days Clean up Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

21-22 CHAS Civil War Days Put Away Work Party (if needed)
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

August

NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA

September

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

FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day
San Francisco, CA

October

Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History & Encampment
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Scott Foster

ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments
Kearney Park, Fresno, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

November

Work party Duncan Mills

December

Mission Statement

The California Historical Artillery Society is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the life and times of the military horse with emphasis on horse drawn artillery and complementary impressions.

* Dates are tentative and subject to change



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