

The Cannon's Mouth

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
MARCH 2008

Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

Wes Faubel, Teri Moretti, Ted Miljevich, Ann Meacham, Devin Dutson, Wendy Bailey and Alan Ginos attended a very well done School of the Horse Soldier in Chino last weekend. Doug Kidd ran it very well as usual and it was nice for us to attend without having to be coordinators. Prado Park used for the venue was very well suited to long rides and an overnight tactical. We all had a great time and plan on attending again in 2009.



Capt. Ginos & Big Guy with Buffalo Soldier AJ Simeon

Welcome new members Devin Dutson and Steve Landefield to the ranks. Devin comes to us with lifelong horse experience and extensive training in cavalry and infantry portrayals. Devin is assigned as driver to Team 2 with Teri Moretti as mentor. Steve Landefield has done trailer modification work for us along with Mike Foley. Merchant marine background and terrific welding and layout skills make Steve a good resource to draw upon. Steve is assigned to the artificer corps with Mike Foley as his mentor for now.

Time for work parties to start with the first three already announced as March 1-2, March 29-30, and April 19-20. March also has CAV 101 scheduled for the 8-9. Don't forget to sign up for this now if you plan on attending. Finally for March 29-30, the Knight's Ferry event is on and we will see what membership interest in attending is before making a decision. A separate call on this subject has gone out already.

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Miljevich

Spring will be upon us soon and time to start heavy planning for our annual event - "Civil War Days at Duncan Mills". Yes, soon the word will go out to get on the work lists for the site work parties. We have lots to do as always, battlefield winter clean up, firewood cutting and splitting, etc. We will be reorganizing the advertisement campaign for this year, with more road side banners going up and more paper flyers going out. More publicity all around will be the name of the game this year!

We are looking for a chairperson to head up the Historical committee. Chris Bergin has done a fine job for us, but has taken an NCWA promotion and time is at a premium for him now. So we are looking for somebody else with interest in doing some of the historical matters that come up in this great hobby that we are all engaged in. So if you are interested or want to find out more about the chairmanship of the committee, just ask any of the board members and we can give you more information.

The next board meeting will be on March 26th, 6:00 pm at the Marie Callender's in Concord. As always you may attend or contact your member at large.



Antietam, 1997

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the California Historical Artillery Society Board Meeting: December 13, 2007

Present: Ted Miljevich, Mike Johnson, Scott Foster, Alan Ginos, Teri Moretti, Roger Boling, Judith Boling

Absent: Norm Roger

Guests: John Boyd, Roz Johnson, Wes Faubel, Carolyn Faubel

Meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM

The minutes were read and corrected as necessary.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer: Mike Johnson,

Went over checking and disbursements. No issues were noted.

The Fresno Rations expenses and income were clarified.

Need to note that the flyer printing was for DM-08

Tires and other equipment need to be broken out separately.

Safety: Mike Johnson:

Seventy percent will be considered a passing grade for the safety tests. If not passing, will need to retake test.

Roger is writing an Artificer safety plan so he can then write a safety test around it.

Wes will work with Dennis on preparing a Teamster test.

A couple of questions in the cannoneer safety test are ambiguous. The ramming procedure and who gives the command when gun is ready.

It was decided that all artificers should take the cannoneer test.

Fundraising:

Alan:

Has received 20,000 DM 08 Flyers from Ted Met with Sue Ensign and Margie (DM program publisher) over the Thanksgiving holiday. Would like to find a large sponsor.

Will review with Gary Amari as to his notes and experiences with setting up the event.

Roz: Raley's Corp. has a robust philanthropic program. The emphasis needs to be on capital items. She would like feedback by the Feb. board meeting. Needs costs, pictures, etc., in order to explore further.

Alan suggested we have a 707 area code phone number for the DM information line. Teri suggested looking into Vonage.

Ted would like to keep the 831 number and add a 707 number. Requested more information about Vonage.

Materials and Acquisition:

Alan has purchased a sandblast cabinet and dust collector, along with glass and walnut shell media.

It was M/S/P to allocate \$1500.00 for the material necessary for the trailer repairs that Mike Foley is undertaking.

It was M/S/P to spend up to \$500.00 for a gas powered pressure washer.

The line regulator and water filter on the air compressor at Warhorse need replacing.

It was decided not to do any repairs on the Boiler Shed lights. Alan has purchased some halogen light stands that can be used for supplemental lighting.

Roger has a potential source for trusses to cover the area between the storage containers. Alan will get measurements.

What happened to the additional lean to behind the boiler shed for parking trailers under?

There was a discussion as to whether we could pay Alan for his acting as the part time foreman at Warhorse based upon our previously approved budget for a part time foreman.

John Boyd spent a total of \$1047.00 for the parts used in repair of the lighting on Red horse trailer and also to the tow truck with it. John needs to separate the costs of the trailer parts and truck parts. A total budget of \$1500.00 for trailer lighting and wiring was approved.

Truck repairs and improvements need to be overseen by Alan.

Roz volunteered to write a list of needed equipment CHAS needs and publish it in the Cannon's Mouth to see if anyone is willing to donate.

Need someone to control and track the loaner gear. Box will be locked. Need to buy three new Reb coats. Bob Lee has ordered anew replacement A tent. A \$400.00 cap was set on the purchase of extra gear.

Received a letter from Bob Lee contributing his artificers tools to CHAS. Recommended that the tools be under the control of the Chief Artificer.

M/S/P to accept Bob Lee's tools.

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Recruitment and Public Relations.

Accepted Patricia Allen as a San Com Civilian member.

By Laws:

SOPs: The new member policy has been updated.

Jennifer Roger has recommended some changes to the Signal Corp SOP.

Thom Lewis is still working with the Museum in Arizona regarding display of the Supply Wagon.

Events:

Four people are planning on going to the Doug Kidd event at Prado in Feb. Alan will review the site to see if it is appropriate as an event site for Mounted Artillery.

Alan will talk about the work party proposal at the Annual Meeting.

Wes needs a sponsorship package so he can start working on a proposal for the School of the Horse Soldier at a new site.

John Boyd will be the CHAS contact for the ACWA Fort Point event.

Roger will be the contact for Mooney Grove.

Teri is coordinating CAV 101.

Ted would like to see an upgrade for the Duncans Mills website. More pictures and more user friendly to the public.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Elections: 18 ballots returned so far.

Donations for California National Guard 1-143. We can send them some calendars, cups and t-shirts. Alan has the list and will organize sending the box.

Roz and Carolyn presented the proposal for the Powder Poofs and their Quaker Gun to be manned by San-Com members. Would be manned once a day. Roger provide a estimate of \$1000.00 for the Quaker Gun. The Artificers would use Bob Lee's Machine shop. They will not be able to start until the end of March. M/S/P to provide the funds for the Quaker gun

Next meetings are planned for Feb. 12 and March 26.

Ted asked for ballots for the CHAS Member of the Year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM



CAV 101
March 8 - 9

Driver Training
April 12 - 13

Photo Caption Contest



"I'm innocent! I didn't know those oats had steroids!"
~ Doug Thompson

"Yup, that is my team - What of it?"
~ Terry Thompson

(Cpl. in background): "What's wrong with that horse? I tried to take that dag gum hat off him and he bit me!"

"He's just sore because the A's lost!"

"I thought he was a Yankees fan"
~ Both from Rafferty Lincoln

HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

So far we have shipped over 150 pounds of goodies to the troops! Much of it is being distributed to the outlying areas by the unit Chaplain.

MAJ Craig Sandman (seen below with an Iraqi soldier), our contact with the 1-143 FA (and Auburn CA resident!) says the boxes have been well-received - *"the cups and T-shirts, incredible!! Those are awesome, thank you so much!! We can't wear civilians clothes here, but we can wear T-shirts when we run PT that are morale or unit military t-shirts, and these fit the bill!! Really appreciate those!! I can't thank you enough."*

Remember that this is an ongoing program. We will be collecting donations at all unit events so please bring what you can. One of the most asked-for items is DVDs. Take a few minutes and pull out those DVDs you don't watch, or pick up a couple of new ones. And please remember that monetary donations are cheerfully accepted - we can make a stop at the store if we receive any cash and/or checks. Thanks to all of you who have helped so far!



After Action Report - Alcatraz Living History Day

Mike Johnson

The American Civil War returned to Fortress Alcatraz on Saturday, February 23rd, with the island's first Living History Day. The event was hosted by Friends of Civil War Alcatraz in cooperation with the National Park Service.



Alcatraz is famous as a U.S. Penitentiary for a period of thirty years -1933 to 1963. Yet it was an army post for eighty years, first garrisoned in 1859.

The 3rd was well-represented with Sgt. Foster, Cpl Boyd and Pvts Griffith, Roger, Dunne, Alto and Lincoln manning a gun emplacement. Signal Sgt Meriwether appeared to be under arrest, wearing shabby clothes and dragging an actual "ball and chain." And the Ft. Point Garrison Brass Band greeted the estimated 3500 - 4000 visitors as they disembarked the ferry.

The highlight of the day, for most of the living historians, was a special tour of the Citadel. The tour included underground soldiers' living and work areas, and early prison cells. Writing and drawings from the mid to late 1800's, done by prisoners, officers' children and Indians (part of the 1970-71



occupation by militants), protected from light and the elements, could be seen on the walls, ceilings and floors. Our special tour concluded with an inspection of Cellblock A, part of the Federal prison area built over the Citadel's bottom floor.

Another living history day is being scheduled for October. Plan on attending - it will be well worth the trip!

Maintenance Proposal Feedback

Alan Ginos

As those who attended the annual meeting heard a maintenance proposal was presented that basically called for those that attend maintenance work parties to pay less in dues than those that didn't. After much discussion and deliberation the CHAS board has decided not to reward those that attend work parties, or penalize those that don't. Some of the reasons include:

- We are a volunteer organization that welcomes whatever participation our members can and want to contribute
- Don't want to drive off those that can neither afford higher dues nor want to or are able to attend work parties

So we will continue our maintenance as in the past relying upon those that can find the time, enjoy the camaraderie and take pride in maintaining one of the largest if not the largest arrays of field artillery equipment in the country. To that end, we will go to year around work parties to allow more flexibility to the membership on when they can attend. The schedule will now reflect these additional dates and as they get closer a call will go out with each one. One member will be the straw boss for each weekend, with the list of work to do and accomplished kept up centrally by Alan Ginos.

The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

Reenlistments have slowed, but I am positive will pick up at the first sound of distant gunfire. Sixty-three hardy souls have reenlisted to press the foe in the upcoming campaign season.

As set forth in the Captain's report elsewhere, welcome to two new members; Devin Dutson and Steve Landefield. These two brave souls bring to three our total new members for this fiscal year so far. I also have three membership applications for submission at the March Board of Directors meeting.

Remember, rosters are purged on April 1st. Troopers and ladies not having reenlistment papers in at that time will be purged from the roster.

Respectfully submitted:
Lt Casualty



Unit "Wish List"

Do you have any of the following items you'd be willing to donate to CHAS? Maintaining our large arsenal of "toys" takes considerable people-power and the equipment to do the job. Donors will receive a letter for tax purposes.

1. Uniform parts
2. Eating utensils, canteens, etc
3. "Period-style" wooden wheelbarrow.
4. Gasoline pressure washer, nominally 5 hp or more and 2200 or more psi.
5. Jack stands tall enough to fit under axle trees of limbers and guns, battery wagon, forge etc. to hold them up when the wheels are removed.
6. Saw horses to hold equipment.
7. Lockable storage cabinets or trunks for tools, supplies and equipment storage.
8. Cleaning rags and supplies.

Civilian Corner

Judith Boling

After weeks of record rainfall and more Tule fog than I ever care to see again, the weather was perfect for a reenactment. Mooney Grove is a beautiful park south of Visalia. Old growth oak, eucalyptus, and pine trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the small, almost intimate, event. Confederates outnumbered Union, resulting in some units galvanizing to even the numbers. President Lincoln, President Jefferson, General George A. Custer, Mary Chestnut, Dr. Mary Walker, and Dr. Thomas Richard Meux contributed to the ambiance. The Hunley reproduction was on display.

Ted Miljevich joined the Berdan Sharpshooters while Roger Boling split his time between the 2nd US artillery on Saturday and the Washington Artillery on Sunday. We believe that I was the only Union civilian in attendance. I spent a lovely Sunday visiting with the ladies of the Washington Artillery and look forward to seeing them again.

Mooney Grove photos will be included in next month's Cannon's Mouth.

With Fort Point, Alcatraz, and Mooney Grove now mere memories, it is time to finish the winter repairs and start packing for Mariposa. Nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, this is a lovely and spacious site. The City of Mariposa has been very supportive in bringing this event to their community. More information regarding this event will be forthcoming in the near future.

Readying our equipment for the event season is of primary importance. Dates for weekend work parties at Camp Warhorse have been set and are published elsewhere in this issue of the Cannon's Mouth. I encourage all members, military and civilian, to attend at least one work party during the year.



CAVALRY 101

Do you want to learn to be more comfortable around the horses?

Think you might want to become an Artillery Driver or Outrider?

Just want to have a fun weekend with fellow members at the ranch?

Then CAV 101 is the event for you!

This "beginners" class is for all members who want to learn more about our horses and equipment. It's also a great refresher for all current horse people to help get you in shape for the coming season.

In addition to learning how to be a proper "horse holder" You will learn:

- ★ How to properly groom the horse.
- ★ What the different parts of the tack are and how they are used.
- ★ How to saddle and bridle the horse.
- ★ How to properly mount and dismount the horse.
- ★ How to ride at the walk, trot and canter, depending on your skill and confidence levels

This event is scheduled for March 8 & 9, 2008, rain or shine. The event is free but there is a \$20.00 per person cost for meals.

If you are interested contact Teri Moretti by February 29th for reservations at tlmoretti@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

After Action Report - Cavalry School of Instruction

Wes Faubel

Prado Encampment

In order to evaluate Batt L&M readiness for the upcoming campaign season a section of mounted troopers was detailed to the Cavalry School of Instruction to be held at Camp Prado in the Southern District of this fine state.

In accordance with orders, Capt Ginos detailed a troop of the finest horsemen in the command; at least that was his intent before confronting the reality of what the Provost could rescue from the stockades and bawdy houses of the capitol. The troop ended up consisting of himself, Cpl Moretti, Pvts Bailey and Miljevich, and myself to represent the 3rd US in the festivities. Pvts Meacham and Dutson were also detached to the school as part of the instructor and command cadre.



Capt Ginos, Cpl Moretti, and I loaded the horse transports and journeyed down on the 15th instant. Pvt Miljevich was detached in advance as a scout and Pvt Bailey disappeared from the face of the earth. Upon arrival at the encampment after a nine-hour journey we were met by Pvts Meacham and Dutson who would only say that they “flew”. They had every appearance of sobriety and we could not shake their story, but would dearly have loved to have found out how we could avoid the jammed wagons and transports on those big city roads. I think that there must have been a gold strike off to the east, because everyone seemed to want to head that way all at once!

Upon arrival and set-up, the camp of instruction was begun. Those who have attended our School of the Horse Soldier would have found many similarities. Where this school differed was in the tactical component



The students were separated into three groups.

The 1st Platoon were those experienced troopers who would form the advanced corps and spend the night on bivouac defending their camp. Pvt Miljevich, Pvt Bailey (after she showed up in camp Saturday as rowdy as ever), and Capt Ginos (artfully disguised as a Corporal) were in this group.

The 2nd Platoon were those less experienced troopers who would form the attacking force against the 1st Platoon, but would come back to camp and sleep amidst the comforts of civilization.

The 3rd Platoon were those remnants who either did not know one end of a horse from the other or preferred “guarding” the camp to traipsing out in the dark after boogie men. The wise and gentle reader will have no doubt about which platoon I adopted. This was especially true as all of the night maneuvers were to take place on the “evening” prior to our departure on what promised to be at least a 12-hour journey.

What followed were two days of formation riding and saber drill. Morning and evening color formations were observed. An after dark night ride was made on Saturday to accustom us to the upcoming Sunday night festivities. Near as I could tell, all of us managed to keep our seat except for one unfortunate instance where a mounted saber



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charge resulted in Cpl Moretti testing the softness of the arena footing. But she bounced back into the saddle and finished out the day.

All too quickly it became time to undertake night maneuvers. Somehow rather than being in camp I found myself in the saddle under the stars. The saddle time was just the preliminary movement because my squad's mission was to move afoot and silence the sentries of the opposing force. It was hoped that this would provide access for our horse thieves to spirit away their mounts prior to the charge by our main body of horsemen. Silence was the watchword. Any shot or sound would give away our presence and foil our strategy.

Like all good military plans, this one began to unravel almost at once. The enemy posted advance pickets and my squad walked into an ambush (by Pvt Bailey and Miljevich no less!). Our strategy was effectively spoiled but our commander, Bvt Lt Devin Dutson, determined to press on against all odds. Muttering about needless loss of life (mine) I went to die as gloriously as possible. Fortunately, the "enemy" could not believe that we would be so dense as to pursue a strategy of surprise when it no longer existed. While the rest of the unit advanced mounted and engaged, Trooper Victor (3rd US



Colored, I believe) and I were able to "injun" behind their right flank before we opened fire. From our superior firing position (prone in the grass and only 20 yards away) we completely decimated their skylighted skirmish line. At least that was Victor's and my story. Those boys weren't taking hits and claimed one-shot kills on us hidden attackers. But since it was all in fun, we did not make an issue of it. Besides, my pistol was empty.

After the attacks were over we mounted up and headed back to camp. Just as visions of liquid refreshment and my cot were beginning to comfort me, the order came to "hit 'um again". After the Provost caught me and put me back in ranks, I had no choice but to obey.

(For those of you who think you have experienced challenges in life, try loading a cap and ball pistol in the dark on horseback! I confess that it is beyond me. Next time I am taking the spare cylinder!)



In any case we loaded up and prepared to attack. Fortunately, our naïve foe thought that our earlier protestations of leaving were sincere. Therefore they could only look at us with bewilderment and mounting terror when we rode up in two waves at the trot and discharged our pistols into their confused ranks. Some were so befuddled that instead of loading their pieces they simply shouldered them in our direction and yelled "Bang!" By our reckoning this made the score "one all" for the night.

We then truly headed back to camp. While debriefing the maneuver around the fire, Major Kidd informed us that we would be awakened early to ambush the detachment on the way in. "Make them fight for their breakfast!" was the way he put it. I lost no time in pointing out that Pvt Miljevich would be in the group fighting his way in. If he really thought he was fighting for his breakfast, then it would be best to have ambulances standing by since he takes his grub most seriously and

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Spring Driver Training

Wes Faubel



would be mighty put out if he thought you were between he and it. I also excused myself from the raid since I had a 12-hour transport journey the following day and had to report for duty the day after. Consequently, when the command rode out in the predawn light I was snug in my blankets and stayed there for as long as possible.

The school ended with running at heads and more good fellowship around the now cold fire. Each participant received a fine certificate commemorating our participation in this signature event.

We then packed up and headed out. Our transport was on the road at 1600. After further adventures involving blown fuses and tail lights going out on the transport we came safely to Camp Warhorse at 1:00 Tues in the a.m. The Capt and Cpl Moretti decided to end their journey there in lodgings provided by the Stable Sgt while I piled in my rig and headed my trusty steed north. I did make it for duty and did not fall asleep during the day, but it was a near thing.

Still, the sacrifice was worth it. A great time was had by all. I can only hope that we brought credit to our arms and look forward to a rematch next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt Casualty



Our gallant Captain was well pleased with our performance in the last campaign season but feels that we can only get better with practice; lots and lots of practice. Capt Ginos therefore has directed that the unit drivers undergo annual training prior to the beginning of the campaign season.

To accomplish this training all drivers (and any other interested parties) not otherwise engaged are directed to assemble at Camp Warhorse on April 12 -13 for two fun-filled days of Artillery Driver and Outrider training. The curriculum is flexible and will not necessarily be the same as that of previous training. This will be a fine chance for the wheel drivers to hone their skills on the flat and for all drivers to meet their horse for the season and begin working with them.

In fact the weekend may encompass some unique features. There is the possibility of parade duty on Saturday to show some of the local citizens what a real artillery unit looks like. The Capt and Stable Sgt are rumored to be planning to field a forage wagon at Mariposa drawn with a postillion rather than a long line team. This is excellent experience for those who think they have experienced all of the best of being a team driver.

Your dynamic cadre of instructors will use the prior training and School of the Driver SOP as a foundation to build additional driver/outrider/horsemanship skills. Horse safety tests will be administered. Jokes and tall stories will be told.

We will barbeque for lunches and dinners. Breakfast will be on your own. More details will be telegraphed to the attendees prior to the weekend.

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship in the saddle, bunkhouse, and around the campfire. The event is free and open to all CHAS members. Drivers notify your Team Corporal of your attendance. Non-drivers notify me direct by telegraph at faubel@syix.com.

Yr Obt Svt
Lt Casualty



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Photo by Michael Sharps

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Sorry, we are unable to accept bank cards of any kind.

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or visit: www.civilwardays.net

Safety First!

Mike Johnson

Amazingly, the 2008 season is almost here! Time to start thinking about getting ready for those long, tiring campaigns. Here's some information on a continuing problem.

Hydration 101

What *You* Should Know About Hydration
(from about.com)

Surely we all know that hydration is important to our health and performance. Most of us have been drilled to believe that 8 glasses of water a day is the way. Many of us even know that the human body is made up of about 66 percent water. That's two-thirds of our mass that depends on us being properly hydrated.

Some other facts about our body's need for water include:

- Our bones are 22 percent water.
- Our muscles are 75 percent water.
- Our blood is 83 percent water.
- Our lungs are 93 percent water.
- Our brains are 95 percent water.

No wonder we get dizzy, listless, and unfocused as we get dehydrated. Our brain is almost entirely made of water. So, when it starts getting low on water, it can't function at full potential. Other signs of dehydration include:

- dry, itchy skin
- headaches
- thirst
- fatigue
- crankiness
- becoming stressed easily
- unclear thinking
- flushed face
- cramping
- weakness
- sleepiness
- dry mouth
- bloating
- constipation

Water is also the force behind temperature control for our bodies.

We sweat to help regulate our body temperature. If we can't sweat (for lack of water), our body temperature spirals up and we quickly find ourselves at risk for heat injuries, like heat cramps, heat stroke, and exhaustion. (Heat stroke is, by the way, deadly. These are not just run-of-the-mill, I'll-feel-better-in-a-day-or-two type problems.



These injuries are serious, and should not be taken lightly.)

So, how do we know how much to drink to maintain proper hydration? Thankfully, under normal living conditions, we simply need to drink when we are thirsty. That is what our thirst mechanism is for, after all. However, I know from personal experience that many of us don't take the time to drink when we are thirsty. Whether you are too busy in your office to get up and get a drink or just don't have a way to get water when you are out and about, if you don't carry water with you regularly, you may learn to ignore your thirst mechanism. Or, perhaps you are just very goal-oriented (as we runners tend to be) and would like to have a number to shoot for. In these cases, it can be helpful to have an idea of how much water you should be consuming in a day.

Common knowledge suggests that the least amount of water that most healthy adults should consume (to maintain hydration) everyday is 8 to 10 cups (8 oz). But the Institute of Medicine advises women to drink about 74 oz (9 cups) and men to drink about 101 oz (13 cups). You should remember that this is just a guideline. The Institute of Medicine also mentions (as I have also stated above) that "the vast majority of healthy people adequately meet their daily hydration needs by letting thirst be their guide."

Hydration is that simple.

New CWRS Web Address

The Civil War Re-enactment Society, home of Bud Ike's 5th US Artillery, Battery B, and sponsor of the Mooney Grove event in Visalia, has a new website. Go to <http://www.cwrs.info> for some great new photos, unit and event information.

Blue Ridge Mercantile and Sutlery

Long-time CHAS member Neal Jones has been selling his boxes at our events for a couple of years. He is now expanding into a wider selection of products through his new sutlery.

"Blue Ridge Mercantile and Sutlery is dedicated to providing quality Civil War uniforms, accessories, accouterments, wood ammunition boxes, and camp furniture to the Civil War reenacting community. All of our clothing is MADE IN AMERICA. We take great pride in our attention to detail. All ammunition packing boxes and camp furniture is handcrafted in Idaho. A great deal of time has been spent on research to ensure authenticity. Enjoy surfing our site. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us via the "Contact and Ordering " page. All efforts have been taken to provide quality products while keeping prices affordable"



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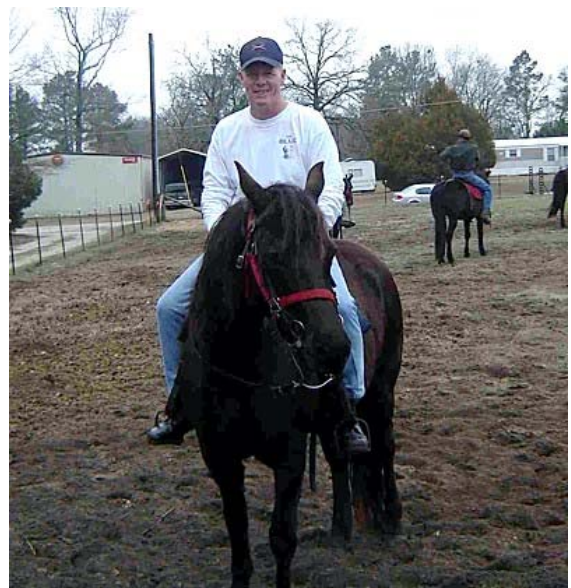


From the Deep South

Ric Morrow

When CHAS member Ric Morrow moved to Georgia, it didn't take him long to locate the nearest Arty team. He's joined up with the 1st Regiment N.C. Artillery, Battery D, known as "Reilly's Battery." Reilly's Battery is the only two gun section in the Eastern U.S. Take a look at their excellent website at <http://www.reilleysbattery.org>. We really hated to lose Ric, but it's great to see he's found another mounted battery. Reilly's has already benefitted from Ric's experience, as he was pressed into training duties at a recent camp.

"Regards from Augusta! Thought I'd send along some photos from my first weekend with the new unit. We did a driver training event up in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Morgans are totally different than the American Standards. Obviously a lot easier to tack, mount, dismount. Temperament is totally different and a lot calmer, mostly. After the single riding we spent time on 4-up team training. Scary part is that I'm one of the more experienced and helping to train others, go figure. Got to spend a lot of time as outrider on both days. Something I'd not done a lot of before, went really well and was able to keep rider on top for the whole weekend! Unit is much more laid back, but naturally it's the deep south. Heading back across the pond in couple of weeks, so will miss their first battle of the campaign but will get a chance to ride again in April up at Latta Plantation in North Carolina. Hope to send along photos then when we don the gray.



Ric and Surprise

By the way, in case you're wondering, Surprise (above) got her name because they had thought her dad Rebel was sterile!"

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Straw/Hay/Fresh Water/Fire Wood Provided for all Participants

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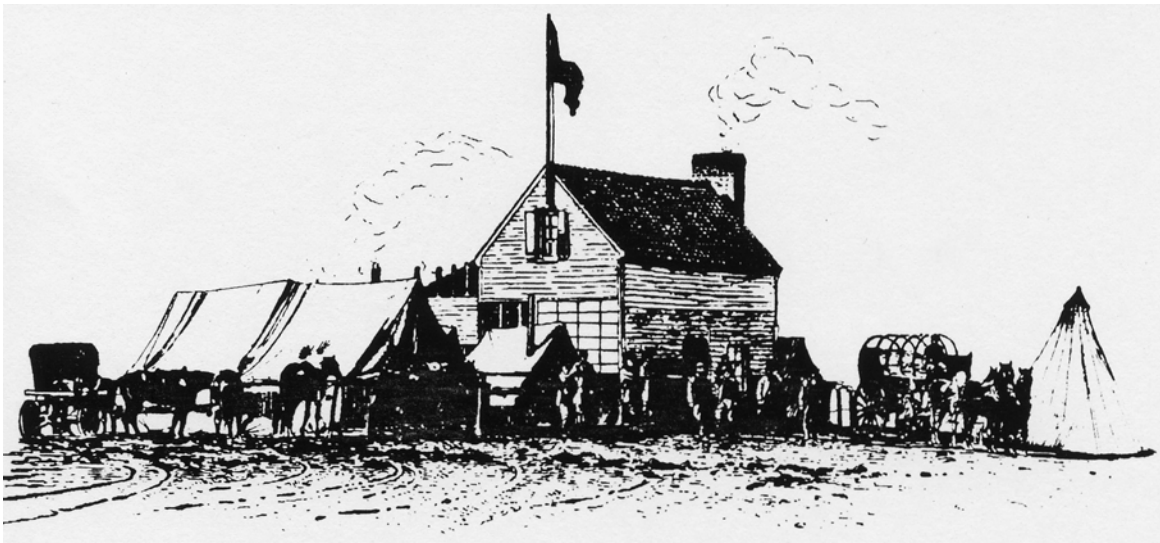
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New South State Event!

Ed Mann

My fellow reenactors,

To paraphrase General Sherman one more time, *"I beg to present, as a New Year's gift, the City of Long Beach..."*

I am pleased to be able to announce that on Thursday morning Dick Wixon and I appeared before the Long Beach Parks Commission. *The commission officially approved the event at El Dorado East Regional Park on May 31-June 1.*

This event is set in a beautiful, sprawling setting surrounded by an upscale section of Long Beach, across the freeway from Cerritos. The site is Area III of El Dorado East Regional Park in the vicinity of what is known as Glider Hill. No part of the freeway, commercial, or residential areas around the park, however, is visible from our site. Frankly, we cannot possibly use all of the area to which we will have sole and exclusive use for the weekend.

I am happy to report that reenactor interest in this event is extraordinarily high. I said in a message I sent to someone earlier today that the interest expressed by reenactors so far about this event vastly exceeded the pre-event interest in the first Moorpark event in 2001. Of course, Moorpark ultimately became the benchmark for reenactments in Southern California. (By the way, I found out at the hearing this morning that one of the Parks Commissioners attended the Moorpark event in the last year or so. He said that he enjoyed himself immensely. That certainly didn't hurt our chances for approval.) The reenactor interest expressed so far in the Long Beach event certainly bodes well, as it tells me that most reenactors can easily see the amazing potential of an event at this site. At Knott's Berry Farm last weekend, I was approached by several individuals who live nearby, all of whom attested to the great possibilities at this site.

In addition to the unit commanders and others who have expressed great interest in this event, I am happy to report that The Band of the California contacted me in the last couple of days and offered to perform a concert both days. When their contribution is added to the efforts of our reliable mainstays, the 2nd U.S. Cavalry Band, we should have military and period music sounding through the camps throughout the weekend. Of course, we will also plan for a period dance on Saturday night.

As I previously reported, some attendees will be asked to contribute trivial amounts of time during

the weekend for things that they would not ordinarily have to do at most other events. Given the economics in trying to put on an event at a site like this, the financial risks simply had to be reduced in order to make the event happen.

Rather than wait for a perfect arrangement to come along at some vague time in the future, however, I felt that it was better to make the event happen now. I can personally identify over 12 different sites/sponsors to whom I pitched the idea of a reenactment last year--and I got nowhere. The Long Beach event, with its enormous long range possibilities, was one that simply could not be passed up when, after about five months of effort, it became feasible at the twelfth hour.

I am happy to report that Scott Harrington has graciously accepted the offer of command of the Federal forces at this event. Scott always does a fine job. Federal unit commanders, please contact him regarding your unit's participation at the event at zouave@adelphia.net, 714 572-2513.

And, of course, because this event is sponsored by a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, Visions In Time, your support and participation in it will make your tax advisor happy.

As we get closer, I will be sending out more information concerning the schedule and such. **For now, circle May 31-June 1 on your calendar in bold red ink!**

In the meantime, I hope to see you in Vista on March 8-9!!!

Ed Mann

P.S. Below is a photo of the battlefield area. The photos were taken this morning. Pardon the overcast skies. Note how the expansive battlefield is very horse friendly.



3rd US Roster Assignments 2008

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Ginos, Alan		Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	XO
Executive Officer	Faubel, Wes	Captain	Teamster	Faubel, Melinda	XO
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Burgin, Chris	XO
Company Clerk	Faubel, Bethany	1st. Sgt.	Commissary Sgt.	Moretti, Scott	1st. Sgt.
Quartermaster Sgt.	Foley, Mike	1st Sgt.	Provisioner	Foley, Shirley	CommSgt.
Bugler	Thompson, Doug	1st. Sgt.			

Gun/Team 1

Chief of Piece	Hawkins, Bill	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Abraham, Ricky	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Barber, Garret	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Foley, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Rafferty	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Maurier, Bruce	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Morrow, Richard	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Scott	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Springer, Timothy	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Courtland	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Karla	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Johnson, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Byrne, Jeanne	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.
Driver	Mossman, Charlene	Team Cpl.
Driver	Schug, Matt	Team Cpl.

Artificers

Chief Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Blair, Michael	Chief Art.
Artificer	Casini, Paul	Chief Art.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.
Artificer	Griffith, Loren	Chief Art.
Artificer	Lee, Robert	Chief Art.
Artificer	Plocher, Al	Chief Art.
Artificer	Ruther, Justin	Chief Art.

Signal Corps

Sergeant	Silas J. Meriwether	1st. Sgt.
Private	Roger, Norm	Signal Sgt.
Private	Stephens, Mark	Signal Sgt.

Gun/Team 2

Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lewis, Thom	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Barbara	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Long, Richard	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Marsh, Sherry	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Martin, Steve	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Terry	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Weston, Mark	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Moretti, Teri	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Abraham, Lindsay	Team Cpl.
Driver	Ensign, Sue	Team Cpl.
Driver	Finder, Jared	Team Cpl.
Driver	Gilliland, John	Team Cpl.
Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Meacham, Ann	Team Cpl.
Driver	Schoenberger, Erik	Team Cpl.
Driver	Whitehead, David	Team Cpl.

Unassigned

Unassigned	Bailey, Wendy	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bradford, Bryan	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Creighton, John	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Jones, Neal	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Justiniano, Joe	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Maciver, Al	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Martinez, Thomas	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Rogers, Keith	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Rogers, Laurie	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Schug, Faith	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Schug, Tyler	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Sims, Ed	1st. Sgt.

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2008 Schedule of Events

March

March 1 - 2 Mooney Grove Park, Visalia.
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no horses. Contact Ted Miljevich.

Mar 8 - 9 "CAV 101". Camp Warhorse, Salinas,
CHAS. Beginning Cavalry and horse
skills. Contact Teri Moretti.

Mar 29 - 30 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

April

April 12 - 13 CHAS spring team driver practice week
end. Camp warhorse, Salinas.
Time to work drivers and horses.
Contact Wes Faubel.

April 12 Live fire. Contact Scott Foster.
NEW DATE!

April 19 - 20 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

April 25 - 27 Las Mariposas Civil War Days. Mariposa.
NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 team &
1 gun, Support units. School day
Friday. Contact TBA.

May

May 3 - 4 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

May 16 - 18 Gibson Ranch, Sacramento.
NCWA Battles & Encampment. 2 teams
& guns, Support units. School day
Friday. Contact TBA.

May 31 Duncans Mills Publicity Day.
CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.

June

June 7 Duncans Mills Publicity Day.
CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.

June 14 - 15 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

June 7 Duncans Mills Publicity Day.
CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.

June 21 NCWA Summer Social. Tres Pinos.

June 28 - 29 Duncans Mills. Weekend work party.
CHAS. Contact Ted Miljevich.

July

July 4 4th of July Parades. Redwood City and
Danville. \$. CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.

July 12 - 13 Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work
party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

Note: "\$" & "\$\$" denotes revenue producing events for CHAS

July 19 - 20 Civil War Days at Duncans Mills.

CHAS Invitational. Battles & encamp.
2 teams, guns & support. \$\$\$\$.
Maximum effort Contact Ted Miljevich.
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the Mississippi.*

July 26 - 27 Duncans Mills. CHAS after event clean
up work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

August

Aug 16 - 17 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

Aug 16 ACWA living history & gun demos.
Ft. Point , San Francisco. Contact
Mike Musante-mikemusante@hotmail.com

Aug. 28 - Seventh Annual Gold Rush Days. Old
Sept. 1 Town Sacramento. CHAS living history &
encampment. 1 team/gun, support unit.
\$\$\$. Rotating attendance needed.
Contact Wes Faubel.

September

Sept 13 - 14 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

Sept 19 - 21 Tres Pinos.
NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 gun,
no horses. Contact Ted Miljevich.

October

Oct 4 - 5 CHAS Weekend Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.

Oct. 17 - 19 Kearny Park, Fresno. NCWA Invitational.
Battles & encampment . 2 teams & guns,
support units. School Day Friday.
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the Mississippi.*

November

Nov 7 - 9 Moorpark Farm, Moorpark. Richmond
Howitzers. 2 teams & guns. Battles
& encampment. School Day Friday. \$.
Contact Alan Ginos.

Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade, Fairfield.

Nov 15 - 16 CHAS Weekend "Put-Away" Work Party.
Contact Alan Ginos.



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