

SAVE THE DATE! NEW LOCATION!

To keep the Annual ACWS Ball new and refreshing for our members, the location changes every few years. This also enables everyone to have a chance of the ball being close to home. To make the process of finding a new location more challenging, the Ball Committee also attempts to find a suitable location that is also historically interesting. For the 2011 ACWS Ball, The Committee has found a truly historically interesting location, The Mitten Building in Redlands, California.

The Mitten Building was built in 1890 as the Haight Citrus Packing House. Then it became the Mitten Letter Factory from about 1940 – 1980. The building was empty for many years until it was restored by the current owners who appreciated its historical significance. The owners have moved in shelving from an ancestor's pharmacy business in Missouri that dates back to the 1800s. The split-level banquet room is large enough to give us room for our hoop skirts, dining, and dancing all at the same time. The dining will be on the upper level, which looks out over the dancing/bar area. Don't worry there is a charming lift for those who are unable to use the stairs. As you walk through the entrance filled with lanterns and greenery, you transition through time and feel as though you are entering an abandoned warehouse on the docks in Charleston, South Carolina or in the center of New York City. But instead of a dirty, dusty industrial building, you find a large, clean room decorated for a grand ball. The architecture inside and outside the building will capture your attention. Add our lovely gowns and dashing uniforms, some great food and music; a magical night awaits.

The Mitten Building is in the historical district of Redlands so there are many additional things to do to make a weekend of the event. There are tea rooms nearby suitable for sipping tea with friends before the ball. The Lincoln Memorial Shrine, located on the grounds of the A. K. Smiley Library, is an interesting place to visit. Redlands is known for its carefully restored Victorian houses, many of which are located near the Mitten Building. Antique stores and modern day shopping are also nearby.

Make your plans now to attend the 2011 ACWS Ball on January 8, 2011. The earlier you purchase your tickets the less they cost. The ACWS Ball Committee has acquired a great rate of \$99 at the Ayres Hotel in Redlands and it's less than 1 mile from the Mitten Bldg. We visited the Ayres Hotel last week and the rooms are fantastic and big. More information about reservations will be forthcoming very soon. The address for the Mitten Building is 345 N. Fifth St., Redlands, California.

The American Civil War Society is pleased to announce the
2011 Grand Ball will be held on
Saturday, January 8th in the 1890 historic Mitten Building located at
345A North 5th Street, Redlands, California

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Join fellow reenactors and guests at 6:30 p.m. for a no-host Social
Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
Dancing starts at 8 p.m. with music by the Occasional Strings with Steve
Crane as Master Caller
Kevin Bohn Photography will be providing Ball photos

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An **Early Bird Special** for tickets at \$45 per person for ACWS members,
\$55 per person for non-ACWS guests,
is available from July 1st to October 31, 2010.

November 1st to December 15, 2010 ticket prices are \$50 for ACWS
members,
\$60 for non-ACWS guests.

After December 15th the ticket prices are \$55 for ACWS members,
\$65 for non-ACWS guests.

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See the ACWS website, www.ACWS.net, for hotel room suggestions and
menu descriptions. Visit the ACWS American Civil War Society on
Facebook

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How to purchase tickets:

Mail this completed form with your check made payable to ACWS to:

ACWS The Grand Ball c/o Donnalee Simmons
4323 North Skylark Court, Moorpark, CA 93021

Mr. or Rank &
Unit _____

Mrs./Miss or
Title _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Please circle your entrée:

Chicken Marsala

Tri-Tip Beef

Spinach Lasagna