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DECEMBER 2008

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL OUR ACWS
MEMBERS***

***HAPPY NEW YEARS
TO 2009***



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The ACWS is a non-profit organization with the purposes of charitable and educational activities for the general public that demonstrate the language, conduct and manner of daily living of the civilian population and military forces during the American Civil War period (1861–1865) and the issues they faced during that conflict.

COMPANY DISPATCH
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Union Division:

Division Commander – Lt. Col Gary Iverson
Adjunct – Capt. David Crichton

Infantry Brigade Commander – Major Keith De Luca

Artillery Brigade Commander - Major Scott Simmons

Cavalry Brigade Commander - 2nd Lt. Robert Kuehl

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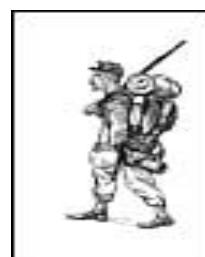
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Division Asst. Adjutant – 2nd Lt. Steve Warwick

Artillery Brigade Commander - Major Roger Price

Cavalry Brigade Commander - Major Scott Peca
Division Chaplain – Capt. Roger Hurley





PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

I worked for IBM for almost 30 years and always some clown was calling a meeting. We would fritter away hours while the meeting moles would act like meetings were really getting work done. When I took this job I was dreading the meetings until I missed one! The doctors found out I had really good medical insurance and pulled me in the day before the last board meeting kept me about a week mucking around in my back.

That's when I found out that I really liked the ACWS board meetings! I like the attitude that these people meet to do the best for the ACWS members. They work together and the decisions are made not on ego or their own personal agendas. I like the honest straightforward back and forth and how everyone buckles down and supports the majority decision!

The board members put in long hours, not only at the meetings and events but sometimes late at night on the computer, and also spend good fuel money surveying sites.

I like it, that when there are vacancies on the board, that so many members ask what they can do to help. And that so many officially throw their hat in the ring for the job.

We still have the vice Presidency vacant, the board decided to hold off on this appointment until we can reconsider the By-Law description of the VP's job.

And all of this energy, time, and worry is worth it. When you look around, the ACWS is the only Civil war organization in Southern California that is there for their members. The events are planned for the member's enjoyment, there is no "pushy" you gotta do it this way attitude. Well, except for safety that is!

Do not forget that the Ball, the Live fire and Calico are our next events.

Mike Collins, our web master has shaken off the hospital mavens also and has our 2009 calendar up.

Janet and I wish all of our Civil War pards a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Bountiful New Year.

Paul De Nubilo

MILITARY DISPATCHES

This section is dedicated to the military troops to the ACWS. All forthcoming messages to the troops by their commanders, reports of upcoming battles and engagements of the ACWS are subject to change.



CONFEDERATE HEADQUARTERS

Ladies & Gentlemen of the Legion,

We are beginning a new year and we will start with much vigor. First on the calendar is the annual ACWS ball which is an opportunity to put on your best and spend an evening dancing and enjoying good friends. Next we have our annual Live Fire which has become one of my personal favorites and a must attend event. At no other event can you actually fire live ammo from your rifle or pistol. You also get to see live cannon fire which is a must see. Add on infantry and artillery competitions as well as a combined infantry/artillery assault and you have a first rate event worth attending. At the beginning of February we will be participating in a parade in Redlands as well as setting up camps and interacting and recruiting with the public at the Lincoln Shrine helping to promote the Presidents 200th birthday. Then it is on to Calico to defend the silver mines once more. I hope to see all of you here as this will be my last event as your commanding officer.

Soldiers of the Legion,

I hope all of you know what great pride I have always felt while standing before you and leading you in battle over the past nine years (thought the war would be over by now...). I will miss more than you know the opportunity to do so in the future. I have always been shown great kindness and above and beyond professionalism by all of you in the rank and file. It is my hope that you will show your new Commander, Captain Stidger (soon to be Lt Col.) the same respect you have always shown me. I know he will work hard on your behalf and he will need all of your support as he begins command of the Legion. With myself and Major Heine stepping down he will also be in need of excellent soldiers to help round out his staff. Please welcome him to command and fight as hard for him as you have always done for me!

All unit commanders and NCO's please contact Captain Stidger immediately and inform how many men under your command will be attending Redlands and Calico. I am hoping for a strong turn out for the parade. Space is limited as you know so we need to hear from you so we can best meet your needs. At Calico we will be on the southern end of the town this year. Also, most units will be holding elections in the coming weeks so please inform the good Captain of any changes on your company roster. Now, pull out your campaign gear, collect all your leathers and get your rifle in tip top shape and prepare yourself for a new year that promises to be better than the last!

Your Obedient Servant, Lt. Colonel Keith P. Harriott



UNION HEADQUARTERS

My Fellow Union Reenactors,

As 2009 unfolds before us it has become apparent that the ACWS has continued to be responsive to our members in the following manner:

- The 2009 dues will remain at the same level they have been at for years (\$25 for an individual member and \$30 for a family membership).
- Several new events are to be held this year, and I hope that all of you continue to support the ACWS and to participate in these new events.
- Plans are in the works to make the “traditional” events even better.

LINCOLN SHRINE EVENT

I am excited about one of a new event. The ACWS is participating in the 200th Anniversary Celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday at the Lincoln Shrine in Redlands, California. I am inviting all Union Reenactors to join us on February 7 to set up camp and march in the Parade honoring President Lincoln. On the next day (February 8) we will be conducting a Living History display. In the past there were a lot of Confederate reenactors that participated. This year we really need a strong Union presence. I have already sent out emails about this, and I will be sending out more details as they come to me.

CALICO

I am also excited about the annual Calico event this year on February 14 to 16, 2009. The Calico event promises to be great again this year, but as always only ACWS members can participate. This year the Union camp will be established in the north end of town. Because space is severely limited we need to know your attendance intentions now!! Also, we have had to insist that no wall tents be used this year, and that your units consider having folks share tents. Again, we need your attendance intentions NOW!!!!

COMMAND PROMOTION

I would like to announce that the new Union Artillery Brigade Adjutant is David Bolin. 1st Lieutenant Bolin will assist Major Scott Simmons in the administration and operation of the Union Artillery Brigade. Welcome aboard David.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ACWS MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!

On a final note. I would like to take this last bit of space to express my gratitude to Keith Harriott. As many of you know, Keith Harriott is stepping down as Confederate Division Commander. This is truly sad for me personally. When I took over the ACWS Union Division Command, Keith was warm and welcoming and that made my transition much easier. I can't relate in words what Keith's help and advice have meant to me. The constant cooperation and team work to we share will be missed, and I only hope that I can be as good a comrade to the new Confederate Commander (Shawn Stiger), and Keith Harriott has been to me. Thank you Keith for all you have done for me.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson
ACWS Union Division Commander

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 3.
HDQRS. Union (Iverson's) Division. , DEPT. OF Southern Calif.,
Las Angeles, California, December 29, 1863.

To Officer Commanding the Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Brigades, Union Division

Safety Stand Down
14 February at 0800
Calico, California

Why a Safety Stand Down? The ACWS had two incidents in 2008 involving foreign objects being fired from weapons. One at Calico and one at Acton II; both incidents involved individuals being hit by a foreign object fired from a weapon. Both individuals received severe bruises from being hit. *We can all agree that any injury is unacceptable and that we are lucky that these injuries could have been much more severe. This Safety Stand Down is to reinforce what we already know about safety.*

What is a Safety Stand down? A Safety Stand Down is conducted whenever there are indicators of safety complacency or a severe safety incident has occurred. A Safety Stand Down means all activities cease except for the activities being conducted as part of the safety review. *All Combatants are required to attend; civilians are highly encouraged to attend.* The Safety Stand

Down centers on the indicators or incident and is oriented on awareness, correction and safe practices.

The Safety Stand Down will occur at the Union Division Headquarters, at 0815 on 14 February 2008.

Everyone's cooperation in accomplishing this mission is greatly appreciated.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel Gary Iverson:
Commanding, ACWS Union Division

Signed: Captain David Crichton
Union (Iverson's) Division Adjutant

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 1.
HQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Southern Calif.,
Las Angeles, California, December 29, 1863.

To Officer Commanding the Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Brigades, Union Division

It has been reported by the Nevada District Commander that a large contingent of Confederates, at least Brigade strength, is moving on the Southern California mining town of Calico. If the Confederates gain control of this mining area, funds desperately needed by the States currently in rebellion become available and funneled to weapons and other purchases. The Union can not allow this to happen. The Secretary of War has ordered the Union Division located in Southern California to recall its forces currently engaged in areas around Southern California. The Commander is to consolidate these forces and move as soon as practical, but not later than 14 February 1863. All Commanders in the Union Division are hereby ordered to immediately recall all patrols and units currently garrisoning towns in the Southern California area. All units must be gathered and prepared to move on this order not later than 12 February 1863 so as to arrive and report to the Union (Iverson's) Division Headquarters not later than 0800, 14 February 1863. All commanders are to follow these directives:

1. Report not later than 1 February 1863 your unit's ability to arrive at Calico and in what numbers. This report will include:
 - a. Unit, Unit commanders name and number of combatants.
 - b. Number of military non combatants.
 - c. Number of Civilians anticipated following the Division into camp.
 - d. Number and type of tentage so space can be allocated. Normal unit setups will have to be adjusted and commanders should consider that now. If commanders don't respond, space will not be planned for you and you will get what's left over, which may be nothing. WALL TENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR THIS EVENT. Space is limited. Units should seriously consider doubling up their folks. Units call; however commanders will have to fit into space allocated. If your unit has made other lodging arrangements, the division commander and adjutant needs to know that also.
2. No unit is to sink a single stake in the ground until directed by the Adjutant where your unit is to set up in accordance with Union Division GO #5. If you fail to follow this directive, you may be told to move. Simpler to wait for the Adjutant who plans to be at Calico as early as he can. The Adjutant plans on making and distributing a map based off what he receives from units.
3. This is an ACWS member event only! Cards will be checked by commanders in camp and they will also be checked at formations. No one will take the field that cannot show ACWS membership.
4. Safety is paramount at this event, battle areas are tight and congested – and is a leader responsibility that can not be delegated. Yes individuals are ultimately responsible for their own individual safety; however it is the leader who is ultimately responsible for the actions and safety of their unit, on and off the field. We've started a new year and as always things is a changing. Unit commanders will ensure that all their members have taken the general safety test and the safety test specific to their branch. Please refer to GO #6.
5. Unit commanders will bring a roster of their unit who has successfully passed the safety tests to Captain Crichton, Adjutant, Union Division with the first morning report on Saturday 16 February.
6. ***There is a mandatory Safety Stand Down on Saturday morning. All Union Combatants are required to attend. Time and place to be announced.***
7. There will be a Division Guard force for Saturday and Sunday nights in accordance with Union Division GO #4. The Adjutant has designated the Infantry Brigade

Sergeant Major as the Sergeant of the Guard for both nights. All units are expected to participate. Failure to participate could be grounds for the Division Commander to restrict the offending unit from taking the field the next day.

8. The Adjutant with assistance from the Infantry Brigade Sergeant Major is responsible for designating the Color Guard and the raising and lowering of the National Colors Saturday thru Monday. Your unit should be prepared to provide Soldiers for the Color Guard. White gloves is required, all Soldiers should have white gloves.
9. The first battle on Saturday is where the Union moves on Calico to push the rebels out. This fight will be in modified heavy marching order. Knapsacks or bedrolls. Please ensure your unit is prepared with one or the other.
10. Any time the Union Division participates in a parade it is considered a somewhat formal affair – ALL Soldiers are to wear white gloves for this event.
11. If a Soldier attends the dance he is to wear as clean a uniform as possible, white gloves and a belt. Swords should not be worn.
12. Morning reports are due through the Brigade Commanders to the Adjutant at 0800 all three days in accordance with Union Division GO #2. If you do not have the forms get with the Adjutant Friday night or first thing Saturday morning.
13. In accordance with Union Division GO #7 there is an ammunition stipend issue at Calico. Stand alone units who field 8 to 14 rifles will receive ten rounds each per day. Over 14 rifles will get 20 rounds each day. Unit commanders are responsible for coordinating with the Adjutant for forms and issue times.
14. The official time for the event is located at the Division HQs. Commanders are encouraged to set their time pieces to it so we're all on the same time.
15. The Adjutant is working on the Division Orders of the day for this event and we will get them out to the commanders as soon as they are ready, that way units can formulate their own.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel Gary Iverson:
Commanding, ACWS Union Division

Signed: Captain David Crichton
Union (Iverson's) Division Adjutant

CIVILIAN CHATTER

The year is soon to close on us; it certainly has been an interesting one. I hope you enjoyed reenacting over the past 12 months and are looking forward to next year's events. I have enjoyed getting to know you better this year and am looking forward to new and exciting things to happen in 2009.

JUNIOR CADET PROGRAM

I am pleased to introduce the ACWS Junior Cadet Program. Robert Lujan, from the 10th New York, and Dave Bolin, from the Washington Artillery, have volunteered to teach young boys aged 6-14 years infantry drills. This program is open to our young male reenactors and to the general public. The boys enlist, pass a medical exam, take an oath, learn some drills, have a short skirmish, and then get discharged. This program had a test run in September 2008. I hope that we will have enough volunteers to help with this program to ensure that it can occur at every ACWS event. I hope you will encourage your sons to take part in this program. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this program, please let me know.

VOLUNTEERS

In November/December, I sent out a request to the ACWS civilians asking for volunteers to help lead the Civilian Corps in 2009. I am looking for people to fill the following positions: Civilian Town Coordinator, Crowd Control Coordinator, Civilian Tea Hostess, Historical Clothing Presentation Coordinator, Youth Program Coordinator, and Annual Ball Committee Chairperson. Unfortunately, no one has stepped forward to volunteer for these positions. I cannot do everything therefore some of these programs will be dropped for lack of volunteers to lead. I would like to thank Bobbe Jacobs, Sally Ricker, Barbara Nobles and Karan Lawniczak. Even though you are not able to take on any of these lead positions, I accept and appreciate your offer to help at those events you can attend.

NEW SAFETY TESTS

If you went to the Spring Mountain Ranch event last October, we went over the new safety test during the safety stand down. If you were unable to make that event, the new safety rules and tests are (or will be very shortly be) on the ACWS website www.acws.net. If you are a civilian and you do not carry a gun, the only test you are

required to take is the "General Safety Test." If you are a civilian and carry a gun (even if you carry a gun unloaded) you are required to take the "General Safety Test" and the "Infantry Safety Test." The tests can be taken in the privacy of your home or office and mailed to me or brought to an ACWS event. I will be checking ACWS membership cards at each event, please carry them with you. Your membership card will be stamped once you have submitted and passed the required safety test(s).

LOOKING FORWARD

The 2009 ACWS calendar is located elsewhere in this newsletter. As is the case with each ACWS event, if you are interested in attending, please let me know. If you have a program or impression that you would like to have listed on the program at an event, I will need to know at least 30 days before the event. If you wish to set up a tent in the civilian camp at the events, I need to know in advance of the event so that I can plan the town layout. The upcoming ACWS events are:

Red, White and Blue Ball, Jan. 10, 2009: This is a formal dinner and dance at the Masonic Lodge in Norwalk, CA. Tickets are still available. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. All tickets must be purchased by January 6, 2009. Joyce Bolin is the Ball Committee Chairperson.

9th Annual Live Fire Invitational, Jan. 17-18, 2009 in Seeley (the Imperial Valley), CA. Sponsored by the IVLHA and Co-sponsored by the ACWS, this event is where you get to experience shooting live rounds out of muskets, pistols, mortars, and cannons. See how well you and/or your fellow ACWS members can hit a target. Dennis Gibbs is the coordinator for this event. While there are few activities for non-shooting civilians, I will be there and will meet with any civilians present on Saturday, Jan. 17th at 10 a.m. to obtain ideas and suggestions for activities in 2009.

Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade and Lincoln Shrine Living History Encampment, Feb. 7-8, 2009. This event is in Redlands, CA. On Saturday we join the Boy Scouts in celebrating President Lincoln's 200th birthday with a parade that ends at the Lincoln Shrine, where we provide living history for the rest of Saturday and Sunday.

Come join the fun and see the beautiful Lincoln Shrine. Shawn Stidger is the event coordinator.

Calico Civil War Days, Feb. 14-16. You must have a current ACWS membership to be able to participate at this event. There are a variety of civilian programs planned. I hope to have a craft project making Valentine's on Saturday; a school program in the school house; sewing, quilting and dutch oven cooking demonstrations at Town Hall; the ACWS Junior Cadet Program; Mrs. Lincoln will be telling her stories at the Lucy Lane House Museum; there will be dancing in the streets during the days and a cotillion on Saturday night. Spencer & Jackson will entertain us with their shows. By the way, there will be a couple of battles each day. So come join the fun. Let me know your plans to join us. I, Donnalee Simmons, will be coordinating the civilian activities at this event.

12th Annual Civil War Reenactment & Living History, Feb. 28-Mar.1, at St. Catherine's Military School in Anaheim. Paul DeNubilo is the event coordinator for this event.

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Renew your 2009 ACWS membership if you have not done so already. An ACWS application should be elsewhere in this newsletter or on the ACW S website.

Don't forget to make your Red, White and Blue Ball reservations.

As soon as you know, you are planning to attend an event. Let me know, so that I can include you in planning for the event.

If it is at all possible, volunteer to help at an event.

All questions about any ACWS event or any comments (good or bad) can be directed to me by e-mail, phone or letter. I will respond as soon as possible.

Don't forget to have fun!

Happy Holidays

Donnalee Simmons,
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TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE ACWS RED, WHITE AND BLUE BALL ON JANUARY 10, 2009 AT THE MASONIC LODGE IN NORWALK, CA.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership cards will be mailed after Christmas, and weekly thereafter as applications are received. Membership renewals and applications received by January 31st will be processed and cards will be mailed by February 1st.

Current membership is required to participate at Calico, and cards are required to gain "free" entry to the site. If you do not renew or apply for membership by the deadline, you will be charged a fee (by the county) to enter the site. Neither entry nor parking fees will be reimbursed.

The membership booth will be on the porch at City Hall.

Hours are: Saturday and Sunday

7:00 am to 10:00 am
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday hours will be determined on an "as needed" basis.
Membership cards will be available during these hours.

Thank you,

Anne Tebbetts-Frankl
Membership Director



**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE
“RED, WHITE AND BLUE BALL”
JANUARY 10, 2009
NOR WALK MASONIC LODGE
12345 Rosecrans Avenue
NORWALK, CA**

Social hour will be from 6 to 7pm with a cash bar. A sit down dinner will be served promptly at 7:30pm

***Dancing will be from 8:30pm to 11:30pm
Dance Master, Capt. Tom Atkins
Music by the Occasional Strings***

A limited number of tickets will be sold.

***ACWS members \$50. 00 per person
Non-ACWS members prices is \$55.00 per person
NO REFUNDS AFTER DECEMBER 15TH,2008***

Kevin Bohn Photography will be pleased to offer on-site portraits

A discount rate of \$99.00 is being given at the Marriott Hotel located at 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, California. For hotel reservations please call (800)228-9290 or (562)863-5555 and mention ACWS for the discounted rates. Please visit www.acws.net for additional information on meal selection and other important information.

With great enthusiasm from our membership it has been requested that we conduct another RAFFLE

***So be prepared to see great prizes at the Ball
Tickets will be \$1 and 6for \$5
Pistol tickets will be \$5 each***

DINNER MENU

Tri-Tip Beef Dinner & name of person: # ___ Name('s) ___

Chicken Dinner & name of person: # ___ Name('s)

Eggplant Parmesan Dinner & name of Person: # ___ Name('s)

Total dollars due: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ date rcvd: _____

Name: Mr. / Rank _____ Mrs./Miss:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Phone # _____ **(needed for contact in case of a question!)**

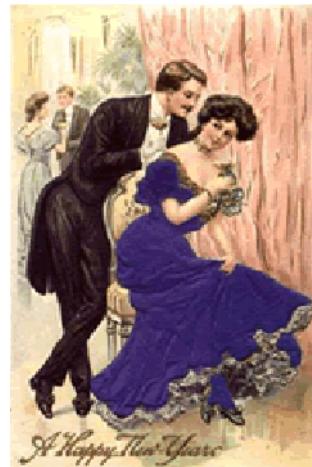
Mail all checks to:

**ACWS Red White & Blue Ball
c/o Samuel Frankl
21910 Germain Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311-2109**

acwsredwhiteandblue@earthlink.net

Thank you,

ACWS Ball Committee



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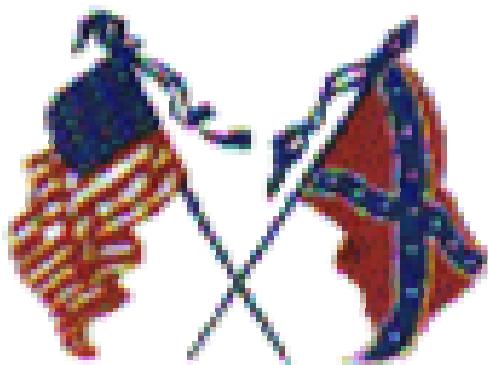
***IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED TO SALE OR
DONATE TO THE A CWS - LIST IT IN THE COMPANY DISPATCH NEWSLETTER***

***PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE B OLIN AT
jbolin57@yahoo.com***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to purchase your RED, WHITE & BLUE Ball tickets

**Send all 2009 ACWS membership renewal to ANNE FRANKL at 21910 Germain Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311-2109**



9th Annual Live Fire Invitational

Jan. 17-18, 2009

Seeley (the Imperial Valley), CA.

Sponsored by the IVLHA and Co-sponsored by the ACWS

What am I gonna do at Live Fire???

Because some of our ACWS brethren haven't experienced a live fire, I thought I'd give you just a brief rundown of the weekend...

Friday/Early Saturday

When you arrive you will be invited to partake of a picturesque zone of Imperial County sandy loam. Camp space is plentiful, just so long as you don't venture past the firing line! When you arrive, swing by the really big tent with the wooden floor and stove pipe to ask where you locate your camp. We actually camp in fairly close proximity to each other (confederate and union that is).

Get your camp set up and get settled in on Friday night if you can. We'll come by your camp several times during the evening to encourage you to come back by the big tent to register. Even if you already pre-registered you'll need to check in so you can sign the hold harmless agreement, get checked in, and pick up or purchase your souvenir tee-shirt (\$12) if you so desire. We also customarily allow folks that register on Friday night to get the same pre-registration price (\$15) for the weekend. On Saturday morning it'll run you \$20 to register...so ***register early and save yourself a few bucks***, less time spent on paperwork and leave more time for fun!

FYI – The registration cost we must charge is due to the fact that this event is for reenactors, by reenactors. There is no paying public to underwrite this venture. So our \$15/\$20 goes towards paying the fees to lease the range for our weekend, target supplies, and logistics like toilets, water, firewood etc. Also I would encourage you to purchase a tee shirt if you are so moved. The proceeds we garner from the shirt sales allow us to make improvements to our little section of the range (the redoubt that we attack in the combined assault is a good example).

Saturday

This event is not like ANY reenactment you will attend. It is entirely different, and you will realize that on Saturday morning. As you arise, you will probably be treated to a flyover by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, who practice over and around our range during the morning, and commonly again in the afternoon.

Arms inspection and Safety Briefing

When you get up, you'll want to ***see if the registration tent is open for weapons inspection.*** We need to be super vigilant due to the fact that we will be firing live. Your musket/carbine/pistol will be inspected and tagged with a colored piece of tape to allow our range safety officers to ensure there are no unauthorized weapons on the line. To be sure you'll pass inspection, there are a few things you should be sure of before you come down:

- 1) Be sure your gun is CLEAN...you don't want to have a powder fouled barrel before you even start shooting!
- 2) Check that the gun is safe to handle without going off at half-cock.
- 3) Ensure your nipple is clear.

The inspection process is really just a souped up and more careful version of our normal inspection procedures, a clean gun that operates properly should have no problems.

After getting your arms inspected and tagged, you can feel free to go back to camp but be ready, between 0830 and 0900 we will have a brief collective session to discuss safety and range conditions and rules.

The shooting!

That's why you came right?! Directly after inspection and safety briefing, we allow for participant practice. This will allow you to work with your weapon so see just how well you can shoot! Be ready for this practice by ensuring you have plenty of lubed ammunition. This will probably be the first opportunity many of you will have to watch an actual full scale civil war artillery piece pull rounds down range...it is a once in a lifetime experience.

A word on competition...we run this event and we do keep score. But we like to think that everyone is really, really just learning a LOT about their own abilities and the abilities of their weapons. We encourage all of those that have "seen the elephant" to share their knowledge with the "fresh fish." We choose to have FUN at this event and don't let our competitive juices run away with us.

After 10:00AM we start on the scheduled events. I'll give you a brief description of each (the schedule is also attached to this email).

Infantry

Maneuver and shoot – this event has your entire company moving in unison and fire volleys at metal knockdown targets starting from 200 yards away, then 150, 100, 50 and finally 25 yards. If you fail to defeat them with a volley from 25 yards, fix bayonets and charge! Then is back past the timeline in this event lowest time wins!

Hand of Death - this event simulates the toe to toe lead slugfest that would have occurred from opposing companies at relatively close range. Infantry companies compete in tournament fashion, each man with a number on his back that corresponds to a number on a set of knockdown targets that your opponents are shooting at. If your number is hit...you're out! Last man standing takes this one for their company.

Fire by File – this event is commonly called the “post shoot” or splitting the post. It originated from stories of small trees being shot in half by the heavy musketry. You and your company will fire by file at a 4 x 4 wooden post placed 25 yards away. After firing by file, you will fire as quickly as possible to cut the post in half. Lowest time wins.

Open Sharpshooter – This event normally occurs at dusk, moving targets (silhouettes) are used and backlit with a fire. Each man does his best to hit the targets in the waning light from increasing distance. Longest successful shot wins.

Combined Assault – This has turned into a favorite of our guests. It uses ALL branches of the army to reduce and storm a fortification. It begins with shelling of the fortification by the artillerists to open up a breach, the infantry and cavalry can then storm forward engaging knockdown targets along the way hidden in rifle pits. The fort is stormed, enemy inside are bayoneted and the lowest time to do all of this wins! Its US vs. CS!

Cavalry

Advancing Skirmish Line – this event tests your ability to move and fire. Time starts when you cross a time line, you engage 10 targets arranged between 40 and 80 yards in front of you. You advance 100 yards after defeating them and engage another 10 targets arranged 40 to 80 yards in front of you. Hoof it back to the start line to stop your time. Lowest time wins.

Team Pistol – Pistols are LOADED ONLY AT THE FIRING LINE. After loading an placing pistols on the range table, 4 shooters step up, arm themselves and fire at 20 knockdown targets. Penalties for standing targets, lowest time wins.

Team Carbine – Carbines are used to engage knockdown targets from 40 to 120 yards until they are

defeated. Penalties for missed targets, lowest time wins.

Yellow Tavern – I like to call this one “embrace your inner Rambo.” This event occurs in both team and individual varieties. Targets are arranged from 15 to 80 yards. Both pistols and carbines are brought to bear on them. A great event for repeating carbines. Timed event.

Hand of Death, Fire by File, Combined Assault and Open Sharpshooter – See infantry description. We will endeavor to get everybody’s shoulder sore with plenty of shooting. The cavalry gets a chance to compete in these events also. We will engineer all matches so that they are relatively even in terms of armaments though (no repeaters against muskets for instance).

Artillery

Round Shot – Artillerists shoot at targets beginning with 3 shots at 600 yards, then 3 at 500 and finally 1 at 300 yards. Lowest aggregate distance from target wins.

Counter Battery – Head to head against another battery. You fire round shot at a mock cannon crew that is 200 yards away. Hits on the crew removes cannoneers from your competitors and wins you the match.

Canister Wall of Death – approximately 40 yards of infantry silhouettes in battle lines are attacking, see what double canister from 75 yards away...awesome

Mortar Demonstration - Batteries interested in testing their mortar skills will fire at a fixed location. Closest to the pin wins!

Combined assault – See the infantry description.

Individual

Sergeant’s foraging – Sergeants are invited to provision their companies by thinning out the marauding pigs, chickens and rams. A great marksmanship event.

Company Sharpshooter – A shoot off between members of your company and the rest of the ACWS to determine the best marksmen.

Open Pistol – Shoot at a paper target to see just how good you are with your sidearm. This will be open to all competitors and even civilians who would like to test their abilities!

Besides all of the shooting...one of the best things about live fire that I hear continuously is that it gives us a chance to get to know folks from “the other side.” We form friendships that we wouldn’t normally get the chance to make.

I hope you will consider attending live fire...it will not be something you soon forget. We look forwards to seeing you.

Best regards

Dennis Gibbs

ACWS

Pvt. 8th Ala. Infantry, Co. I

**2009 IVLHA / ACWS 11th Annual Live Fire Event
Registration Form**

Participant Name: _____ e-mail address: _____

Unit name: _____

Branch of Service (Circle one): Infantry Artillery Cavalry

Unit commander's name: _____ (Commanding at the event)

Please include \$15.00 pre registration fee.
DO NOT MAIL AFTER 1-12-09. You will need to register on site.

Mail to:

IVLHA

2791 Ironwood Road
Imperial, CA 92251

Make checks payable to Imperial Valley Living History Association (IVLHA)

Interested in purchasing a souvenir tee shirt or participating in the Officer's Dinner? Fill out the sections below. Funds from these activities are channeled back into the event to make it better each year!

Please reserve me a souvenir shirt! Quantity Size Price/each Total

_____	XXL	\$12.00	_____
_____	XL	\$12.00	_____
_____	L	\$12.00	_____
_____	M	\$12.00	_____

Tee shirt total _____

**PLEASE TOTAL EXTRA ITEMS AND ADD THE TOTAL TO YOUR REGISTRATION.
THANK YOU, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON JANUARY 16TH, 2009.
EVENT DATE IS JAN. 17TH AND 18TH, 2009**

LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

California Inland Empire Council

Boy Scouts of America

70TH ANNUAL LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

"Without a Vision a People Perish"

Take the opportunity to share with your young people the vision given our country by President Abraham Lincoln! Plan to have your group join in this 70th Annual Pilgrimage in Redlands, California, and visit the only Lincoln Shrine west of the Mississippi River.

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2009. Gathering starts 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Gather at Redlands High School Baseball Diamond Field (Citrus & Pilgrimage starts at 10:00 a.m. Rain or Shine!! There is a living history at the Lincoln Shrine afterwards. On February 8th all day living history. Overnight accommodations may be possible University). Program at Redlands Bowl across from Lincoln Shrine. (See Map)

WHO: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls & Boys 4-H, Y.M.C.A., Boys & Girls Clubs, and other youth agencies.

WHAT: Bring Unit Flag or Banners, and American Flag on flagpole to carry in the Parade. (American Flags will be massed at front of parade for publicity and entry into the Redlands Bowl.)

COST: \$2.00 for the Commemorative Patch

Hosted by Grayback District, Boy Scouts of America
SPONSORED BY



For more information contact Arthur Haddad 909-798-4469, or
Volunteer Services at the Council Office 909-793-2463, Ext. 129

PLEASE CONTACT SHAWN STIDGER [AT deadreb@yahoo.com](mailto:deadreb@yahoo.com) or (909) 559-5664

Clip & Mail

2009 LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE Boy
Scouts of America
PO Box 8910
Redlands, CA 92375-2110

1-6801-562.20



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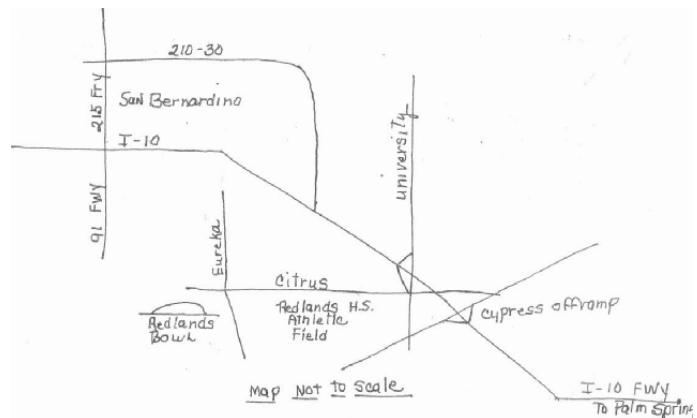
Yes, our organization will participate in this year's Lincoln Pilgrimage!
Unit Type (Daisies, Tigers, Cubs, Brownies, Webelos, Juniors, Cadettes, Boy Scouts, 4 -H, Band, etc.)
(Make checks payable to "Boy Scouts of America")

Name
of
Organiza
tion: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: () _____

Number of Participants: Youth: _____
Adults: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____



TRAVELING WEST — Exit Interstate 10 at Cypress Off Ramp. Turn left onto Cypress at the Stop sign. The second street to the right is University. Turn right on University. Unload your group at the Redlands High School Athletic Field on the corner of University and Citrus.

TRAVELING EAST — Exit Interstate 1.0 at the University Off Ramp. At the stop sign turn right on to University, continue to Citrus (first signal). Cross Citrus and unload your group at the Redlands High School Athletic Field on the corner of University and Citrus.

STRONGLY SUGGESTED: unload youth and leaders at the athletic field. Drivers continue to the Redlands Bowl and find parking in the Redlands Mall or the parking lot at the corner of Eureka and Citrus, opposite the mall parking, and walk back to your group.

Citrus Avenue will be closed after 9:30 AM for parade vehicles, so drop your youth and adults on University, and walk to the entrance of the Athletic Field



A Brief Portrayal of Mr. Lincoln

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

The Lincoln Bicentennial begins in January of 2009 and will commemorate our 16th president throughout the year. Along with George Washington and Franklin Delano Roosevelt he is considered one of the three greatest Presidents of the United States. This month I hope to give a brief overview of the life of Abraham Lincoln. In the following months of 2009 we shall flesh out this bare framework in order to give a more complete view of this complex individual.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a one room log cabin in Kentucky and the first President born outside of the original thirteen colonies. Lincoln attended eighteen months of education and was largely self educated. As an adult he stood 6 foot 4 inches tall and was talented as a wrestler and skilled with the axe. The following is a brief self-narrative that sketches his early life.

"I was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families--second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks.... My father ... removed from Kentucky to ... Indiana, in my eighth year.... It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up.... Of course when I came of age I did not know much. Still somehow, I could read, write, and cipher ... but that was all."

He worked on a flatboat carrying goods to New Orleans and later elected captain of an Illinois militia during the Black Hawk War in 1832. He ran a store in New Salem and regaled his customers with stories and jokes. He discovered law, studied and was admitted to the Bar in 1937. Lincoln became a successful lawyer in Springfield and was known for his cross examinations and closing arguments.

He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and became a prominent Whig leader during his four terms. The Whigs of that era favored modernization and economic development (roads, canals, etc.) The Party did have deep divisions regarding slavery and Lincoln was inclined to the anti-slavery wing of the Party. As early as 1837 he stated that the institution of slavery was "founded on both injustice and bad policy." Lincoln also assisted with the development of the

Republican Party which the anti-slavery expansionist. They did not want slavery in new States and hoped the institution of slavery would slowly pass away. The Republicans came into power with the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1960 and presided over the Civil War and Reconstruction. The election also was the last insult to the South and some of those States began to secede from the Union.

The Civil War tested Lincoln and all Americans to a view of one Federal Union or separate State's Rights. The first battle was at Fort Sumter in the early morning hours of April 12, 1861 and ended with the surrender of Robert E. Lee to Ulysses Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865. During the war Lincoln's priorities were twofold: to ensure that Washington, D.C. was well defended; and to conduct an aggressive war effort in the hope of ending the war quickly and appeasing the Northern public and press. Unfortunately the war went on for much longer than either side could have believed.

Abraham Lincoln's last public address was given April 11, 1865 and promoted civil rights to slaves of the seceded States. As you can imagine this did not set well with many including a certain pro-Southern actor. John Wilkes Booth made the decision to kill Lincoln rather than simply kidnapping him. On Good Friday, April 14, 2008, Lincoln was assassinated while attending a play at Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. Abraham Lincoln lingered throughout the night and died at 7:22:10 a.m. April 15, 1865.

Lincoln leaves a legacy of the classical values of honesty and integrity, as well as respect for individual and minority rights, and human freedom in general. Lincoln has been memorialized in many ways: cities and towns named after him, from statues to legal tender and statues to cars. To commemorate his upcoming 200th birthday in February 2009, Congress established the [Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#) and mandated the Commission to renew the American appreciation of Lincoln's legacy.

Story submitted by David Delgadillo

ACWS 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January 10	ACWS Red, White and Blue Ball All Reenactors Invited	Masonic Lodge Norwalk, CA	ACWS
January 17-18 (Members & Invitees Only)	9 ^h Annual Live Fire Invitational All Reenactors Invited	Seeley Imperial Valley, CA	IVLHA ACWS Co-sponsored

February 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
Feb 7	Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade	Redlands California	Boy Scouts ACWS Supported
Feb 8	Lincoln Shrine Living History encampment	Redlands, California	Lincoln Shrine ACWS Supported
February 14-16 (ACWS Members Only)	Calico Civil War Days ACWS Members Only	Calico Ghost Town Yermo, CA	ACWS More information...
Feb 28 - March 1	12 th Annual Civil War Reenactment & Living History	Saint Catherine's Anaheim	Washington Artillery ACWS Supported

March 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
March 14-15	Battle of Firestone Park	Brea, Ca.	CANCELLED

April 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor

May 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
May 2-3	Wooden Nickel	Menifee, CA	ACWS More Information

June 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
June TBD (5/6 or 12/13)	Thousand Trails, Soledad Canyon	Acton, CA	ACWS More Information

July 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
July 4	Support your local 4th of July Event!		List your unit plans for July 4 in the newsletter and on this page so we can all enjoy them!

August 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor

September 2009 TOP			
Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
September TBD	Remembrance Fall Fair and Grand Soldier's Encampment	Riley's Farm Oak Glen, CA	ACWS Civilian Corps More Information

October 2009 [TOP](#)

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
October 31 - November 1	Spring Mountain Ranch	Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Las Vegas, NV	ACWS co-sponsored More Information

November 2009 [TOP](#)

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
December 2009 TOP			

December 2009 [TOP](#)

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January 2010 TOP			

January 2010 [TOP](#)

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January TBD	Grand Ball -Winter Cotillion All Reenactors Invited	TBD	ACWS

Links to 2009 Calendar of Events for additional organizations:

PACWR: <http://www.pacwr.org/events.htm>

Fort Tejon: <http://www.forttejon.org/>

SWCWA: <http://www.swcwa.com/>

We Are History: <http://www.americanheritagefestival.com/>

ACWS Conditions for Event Support

FINAL VERSION (as adopted 1-31-04)

Definitions:

Sponsored events – This event is completely sponsored by the ACWS. We provide insurance, artillery reimbursements, infantry powder issues, approved impressions, provide for command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses required. We contract and control any proceeds. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Co-sponsored events - This event is co-sponsored by the ACWS in association with another recognized entity. We will provide ACWS member insurance and may provide event insurance at additional cost. (if ACWS event insurance is used, ALL ACWS rules and regulations as published in ACWS gold book SHALL apply). Event will provide artillery reimbursements, infantry powder reimbursements and additional expenses (subject to negotiations) at normal ACWS rates. ACWS will provide approved impressions, provide and/or share command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses negotiated and required. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Supported events – ACWS provides auxiliary support for this event. **We provide liability insurance for our registered members only**, we can not provide event insurance. ACWS provides no artillery reimbursements, no infantry powder issue. ACWS recommends inclusion of our impressions (i.e. Grant/Lee) and shares command positions. ACWS advertises event in the ACWS newsletter. We may receive proceeds from this event by agreement.

Conditions for support:

- 1) All members of ACWS will be accepted without exception.
- 2) Artillery gun slots will be guaranteed at least 2 ea. Confederate and 2 ea. Union for ACWS *full sized* guns (batteries to be determined by ACWS).
- 3) Artillery powder reimbursement will be paid to ACWS guns at the same rate as those applied to *any and all other* full sized cannon participating in the event.
- 4) ACWS units will be held within one cohesive military unit (brigade/battalion etc.) and be commanded by ACWS command structure.
- 5) ACWS command staff (U.S. and C.S.) will be included in scenario planning.
- 6) Participating ACWS members will adhere to ACWS safety rules and regulations. These rules and regulations will supercede any other event rules for our members.
- 7) ACWS will be allowed to establish and staff an informational/promotional booth at this event.

Recommended events – ACWS will list this event in our calendar. **NO ACWS INSURANCE WILL APPLY.**

organization) PRESENT

CIVIL WAR DAYS

DUNCANS MILLS, CA



Photo by Michael Sharps

JULY 18TH & 19TH, 2009

SATURDAY: 9am - 5pm SUNDAY: 9am - 3pm

Adults: \$10 • Kids: \$5 • Parking: \$5

Encampments food & Beverages Twice Daily Battles
Battle Times - Sat: 1pm & 4pm - Sun: 11am & 2pm

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

Performance features gunfire, explosions and other loud noise. Small children and pets not recommended.

Featuring reenactors from the ACWA, NCWA and groups from the Greater Western United States.

For More Information, visit www.civilwardays.net

Call (707) 922-5901 or (831) 751-6978

WARNING

BEWARE OF STOLEN EQUIPMENT

**A message from Major Gilliam of the
ACWA in Northern California**

Very early last Sunday morning someone cut the locks securing the trailer and drove off with our equipment trailer. It was parked in my drive way in front of my home. The police have been searching for it all week with no signs of the trailer.

The big problem: Our trailer and all of our equipment is GONE! This includes all my personal equipment, and all our unit uniforms. The artillery is all safe and sound! What would General Lee and Jackson say to our "situation"?

May I trouble you to pass the word to each of the ACWA and NCWA commands concerning the theft of our unit trailer? **Please ask them to be on the look out for anyone attempting to sell reenacting equipment. We had 16 "A" frame tents and 4 large wall tents, along with all the poles. There were 6 large rain tarps, and three trunks with several complete Confederate uniforms.**

The trailer is a 12 x 6 covered PACE trailer, ID# 4p2fb12135u063001, license: 4GB4459, White, with a 12 x 12 inch patch on the top left corner.

Respectfully,

Major Preston L. Gilliam

Commanding 1st Virginia Regiment, ACWA

Please contact Major Gilliam at pgilliam@pacbell.net if you come across any information or any of the stolen items.

