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**1861 First Battle of
Manassas / Bull Run**

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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.**

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Due date for all articles photos and stories
for the next Newsletter is **March 5, 2011**.

The Editor

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Next General Board Meeting

April 16, 2011

Location to be determined

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

First of all I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the ACWS members that made 2010 a great reenacting year. You all did a great job of representing the Civil War experience. Once again we start the New Year with thanks to all who made it successful. And I have to start with every ACWS member for supporting our (I mean your) events. And by supporting them not only with your attendance but the positive attitude that marks the core of our success. The ACWS is different it is there for the members, it provides, to the best of our ability, free, relaxed venues where all are welcome and welcome to do your “thing” if it fits and is safe!

This year we have a special thank you for Shawn Stidger. His last event as Commander of the Confederates will be at Calico. Then thanks go to Jim Tebbetts for taking over.

Once again we all owe the Board thanks, I will be first to say thank you to them. For the time and concern for the welfare of the ACWS. They always put the ACWS first, there's no “ego” attacks but there are, good healthy arguments, and when they all come to agreement they all support each other. I wish it were that way all through our hobby. Every board member, PR Joyce Bolin (fantastic Newsletter each and every time), Treasurer Sam Frankl (juggling the books and caring for Annie as she recovers from her stroke), Dave Grimswald our secretary who refuses to make coffee for us, that retired Dogface Dave Crichton who gets testy if you don't spell his name right, Ken Dacey, who is always smiling like he is on something good and of course Shawn.

Thanks to our new membership Director Michele Akkerman. It is quite a difficult task to take on the new job right at the beginning of the year with Calico breathing down her neck. Speaking of Calico. It has been a rather drawn out negotiation with them but they are still incredibly happy with our program. Everybody is back, the rifle raffle is on and the Saturday dinner is set. The folks who stay over for Monday will have a pistol raffle and a free lunch at one of the restaurants.

Our **March** event is the co-sponsored event at St Catherine. The Union camping has been improved with the camps along the fence on the field. And for units that “want to be alone!” they can camp opposite the Confeds on the front lawn. **April** the battalions support Prado and we are trying to make Costa Mesa a break even event. Thanks to Scot Peca for working this out for us. Right now it is tentatively scheduled for The last weekend in April. We are working on OERRM, and Blythe but they are being slow coming back to us. We will see and keep you informed.

Let me know what you think you know where to find me!

Paul Denubilo

From our ACWS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

“I presented an idea to the board at our last meeting about the possibility of acknowledging members who have longevity with the ACWS, and present certificates for 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service, along with a period-appropriate lapel pin for those who have 10+ years. Further discussion will take place at another meeting.”

Michele Akkerman - Membership Director

MILITARY DISPATCHES

CONFEDERATE COMMAND: Due to the recent change of command, I'm sorry to say that there is nothing to report from the Confederate Command at this time. No articles were submitted. I share your disappointment and ask that you contact your unit commanders for assignments at the Calico event.

UNION DIVISION:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Union Division,

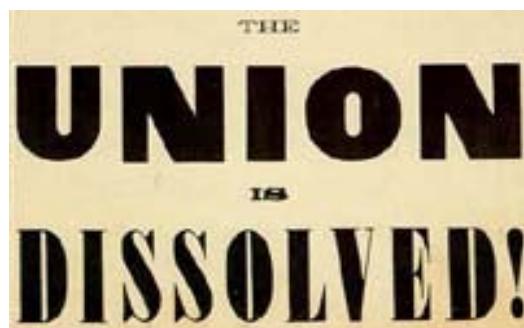
The last few months have been somewhat idle, with only a few skirmishes, we have had time to rest and recoup from the previous campaigning season. We have, on several occasions pushed them to the borders of California, but we have yet to break their spirit and bring them back into the fold and reunite this country. So, Now with reports of movement from their camps that they are headed back into the mining areas, we will move engage them at or near the Town of Calico in the mining district outside of Barstow. We will gather our forces in February and move in to the area and remove any threat that is in this area. That being said, all Company and Brigade commanders are now tasked with preparing their units and get them marching to the engagements.

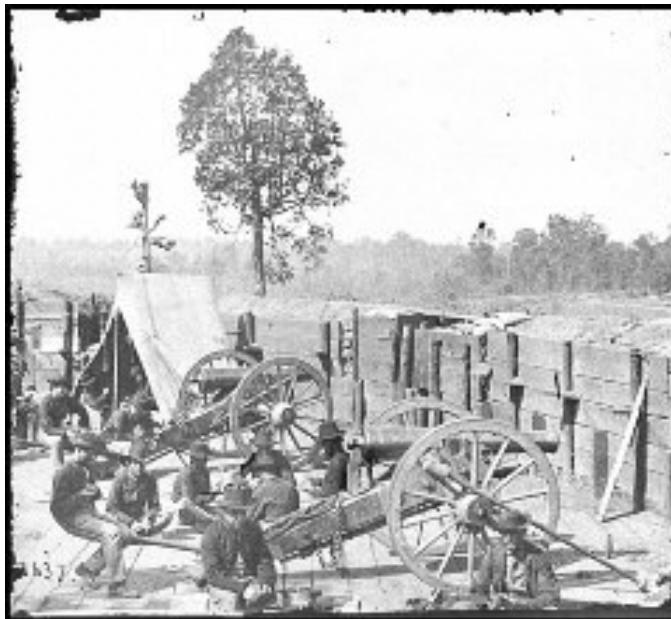
Some news for future events, the Lincoln Shrine Boy Scout Pilgrimage is Saturday, February 5, 2011. The Lincoln Shrine Open House is Sunday, February 6, 2011. This is two weeks before Calico. . The hours of the pilgrimage are 7 am (for living history display set up) to around 3 pm. The open house is from 11 am to 3 pm. This may prove to be a good spot for recruiting,

Following this engagement, I am asking that any unit or individuals that can please come out to the St Catherine event on march 26-27 followed by the Prado dam event in early April.

Thank you for those in attendance and for supporting the ACWS. Also for Calico everyone needs to get their memberships in please don't wait until the last minute.

Your Obedient Servant,
Lt. Col. Kenneth Dacey
Commanding ACWS union Division





To the Union Commander of the Federal Forces:
19 Feb

We have received messages from our spies in the southern regions that it has been determined that Rebel forces are advancing on Calico to take control of the mining district. Tebbett's Division should arrive approximately 19 February. I have ordered Union artillery units to take positions within Calico to prevent the rebels from entering the town. Additionally, I have ordered artillery units to prepare a retaliatory counter offensive against rebel forces should they reach the mines on the outskirts of the town.

Your humble servant,
Major David Bolin
Union Artillery Command



ACWS Calendar of Events 2011

February 5-6, 2011	Lincoln Shrine Calico Ghost Town	Redlands, CA Calico, CA	ACWS Sponsored
February 19-21, 2011			
March 5-6, 2011	Vista	Vista, CA	CWA sponsored
March 12-13, 2001	Picacho Peak	Picacho Peak Arizona	Washington Artillery
March 26-27, 2011	St. Catherine's Military School	Anaheim CA	Sponsored and ACWS supported
April 1-3, 2011	Prado	Prado Regional Park San Bernardino Cty	ACWS Battalion in Support
April 15-17, 2011	Battle of Costa Mesa	Costa Mesa CA Fairview Park	ACWS sponsored
May 21-22, 2011	Pierce College Heritage Days	Woodland Hills, CA	CWA sponsored
June 24-26, 2011	Tall Ships	Ventura CA Oxnard Harbor	Washington Artillery
4th of July 2011	Support Your Local Community Events		
July 9-10, 2011	Fort MacArthur Days	San Pedro CA	
July 30-31, 2011	Long Beach El Dorado Park	Long Beach, CA	CWA Sponsored

August 20-21, 2011	FTHA Invitational	Fort Tejon CA	FTHA ACWS Supported
September 3-4, 2011 Sept 11-12, 2011	Huntington Beach Ft. Tejon Civil War Reenactment	Huntington Beach CA Ft. Tejon CA	Huntington Beach Historical Society ACWS Battalion in Support FTHA
October 1, 2001 October 1-2, 2011	Helendale Mojave Days Kearney Park	Helendale, CA Fresno CA	ACWS Sponsored NCWA
October 28-30, 2011	Spring Mountain Ranch	Las Vegas NV	ACWS Sponsored
November 12-13, 2011	Moorpark	Moorpark CA	Rotary Club Sponsored CWA

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

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

NCWA www.ncwa.org

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

WeAreHistory: <http://www.americanheritagefestival.com/ACWS>

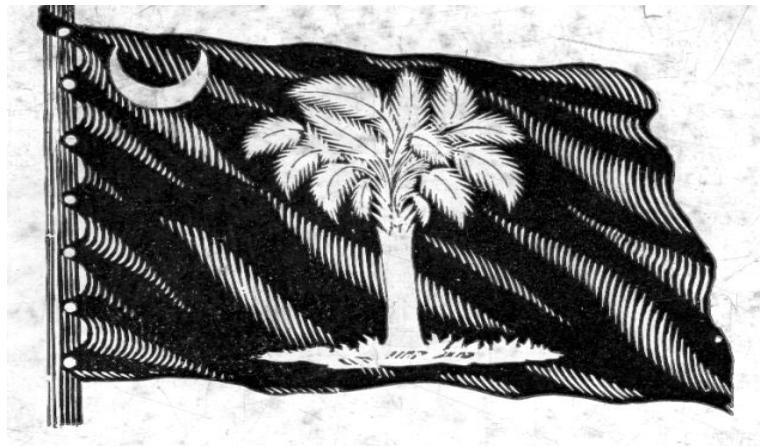
ACWS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLASSIFIED

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RENEWAL AT**

http://www.acws.net/pdf/2011_Application.pdf

to continue receiving the ACWS Company Dispatch Newsletter via email

The Editor



On January 28, 1861, the SC Legislature, meeting in Hibernian Hall in Charleston, passed legislation officially establishing the state flag. As the state had recently seceded from the Union, it was determined that a flag was needed to represent South Carolina's independence.

The legislature looked to the flag used at Fort Moultrie in the June 28, 1776, battle of Sullivan's Island. At that time there was no United States flag, so the 2nd South Carolina Regiment's flag flew over the fort. The regimental colors consisted of a dark blue banner with a white crescent in the upper corner. Using that flag as inspiration the legislature added a Palmetto tree to the banner's center and the state flag was adopted. The January 29, 1861 issue of the *Charleston Mercury* newspaper stated:

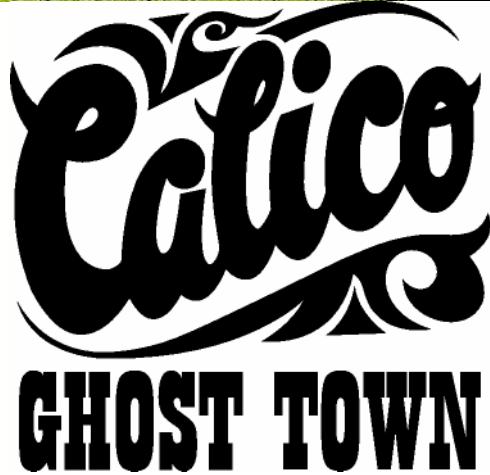
"The Legislature last night again altered the design of the State flag. It now consists of a blue field, with a white palmetto tree in the middle, upright. The white crescent in the upper staff corner remains as before, the horns pointing upwards. This may be regarded as final."

The crescent was not turned diagonally as we see it today until 1910.

The Yankees and Confederates clash at the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861, during the American Civil War



PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND
Civil War Comes To LIFE!
FEBRUARY 19-21, 2011



Bugles blow! Cannons thunder!
Troops charge!

The Civil War Comes to Life at Calico Ghost Town

Battles 11:30 am and 2:30 pm each day

Witness authentically replicated Civil War-era troop inspections, drills, daily battles, encampments, and fashions. Meet brigade commanders and hear "Abraham Lincoln" deliver the Gettysburg Address and much more!

Calico Reenactor Information

Date: Feb. 19-21, 2011

Friday Feb 19 available for setup after 12 Noon

Location: Calico Ghost town, Yermo Ca.

Directions; East Bound on 15: Exit North on Ghost Town Rd.,

Westbound on 15: Exit North on Calico Rd.

1. Entry:

Because of limited space at Calico, this event is limited to ACWS members and you will need your Membership card or your name on the membership list to get in without paying the entrance fee. Unit Commanders need to contact their appropriate Division Commanders to report numbers.

2. Camp set up:

a. General:

Friday after 12 noon starts set up but NO cars are allowed in Calico from 9AM to 5 PM (Public hours). If you have a lot of stuff they will let you go into the upper parking lot just to unload. Cars are allowed into Calico for set up each day before 9am and after 5PM.

b. Military:

The Military camp areas are reversed, the Confederates are on the North end and the Union is on the

South end

c. Civilian:

The Civilian camp will be near the Confederate camp. Civilians are to contact Paul De Nubilo for a space. Denubilo@wroadrunner.com. Civilian Corps headquarters will be in the Town Hall

3. Reenactor amenities.

a. Free meal Saturday night. It will be announced at parade on how to get your tickets. Civilian Corps see Paul De Nubilo.

b. Firewood and straw. All straw on leaving has to be raked up and put into the Calico provided bags. Please only break out the bales of straw that are to be used.

4. Evening programs

Saturday night Dance by the Occasional string band and Tom Atkins, at the Calico restaurant. An after hour Lyceum a special Spencer and Jackson after hours show is planned for Sunday night

4. Monday participation:

We need as many of us as possible to stay over on Monday to continue celebrating the long weekend. This is our biggest event for the year; it is really essential that we do our best. To help you make the decision, there will be a free meal on Monday noon. We will also raffle off gift certificates and possibly a pistol from the sutler to the folks who stay over for Monday.

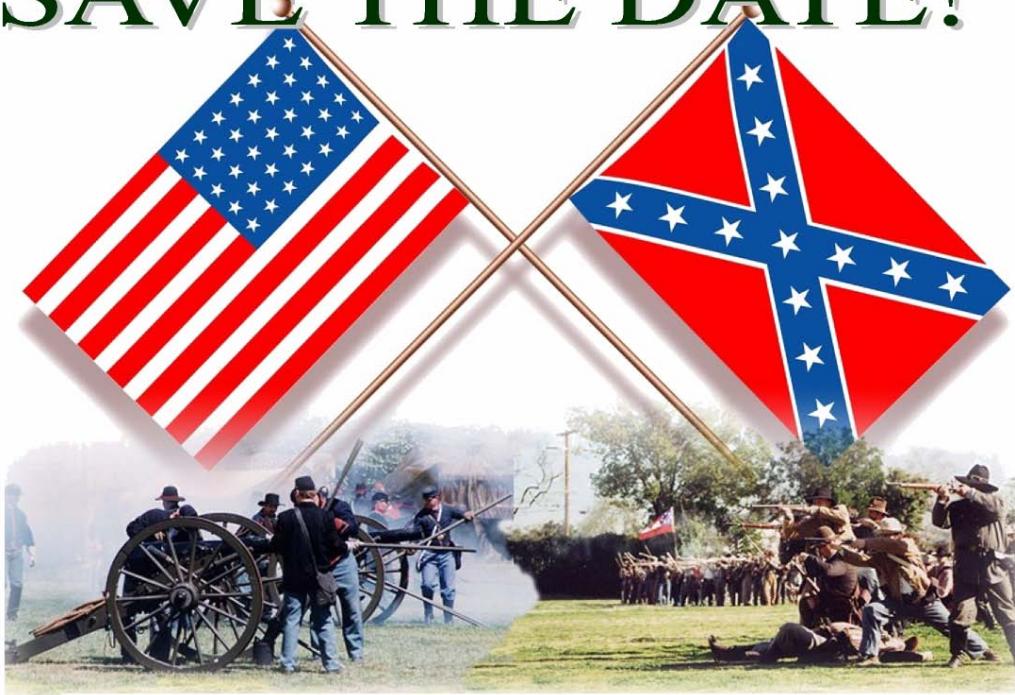


April 1865 Afternoon Gown



1862 Afternoon gown

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Catherine's Military Academy The Civil War is brought to life!

March 26st and March 27, 2011

9:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

- *Meet President Abraham Lincoln*
- *Tour Confederate and Union encampments*
 - *Watch battles with over 200 re-enactors*
 - *Visit the sutler's marketplace*

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