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# AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY



## Company Dispatch

Official Newsletter of the American Civil War Society

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## ACWS

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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.**

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#### **Federal/Union Division :**

Division Commander– VACANT  
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Brigade Sgt. Major: Sgt. Major Sam Frankl

### **NEXT ACWS BOARD MEETING**

**April 17, 2010 11 am**

## ***PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING***

Incredibly busy for the first part of the year 2010 for the Board. And our first priority is to fill the vacancies on the present Board, one that has been with us awhile, the Civilian Corps Director and two new vacancies that will occur after Calico.

Two of our hardest working members are giving up their positions on the Board, Gary Iverson as Union Commander and Dave Crichton as Vice Pres./Secretary.

The Board is a team that works in the best interests of the ACWS and with these folks we have done well. Our financial picture is incredibly sound and new events have been placed on our calendar. In fact we are negotiating with an old friend now and as soon as it is fixed we will announce a new/old event site.

The Civilian program is important to our success it keeps us family orientated and broadens our living history programs and it goes without saying that the ACWS needs a good, strong, safe Brigade Command.

If you are or know someone who is willing to keep the ACWS on track, please e-mail me or any Board member with your inquiries.

Paul Denubilo  
ACWS President

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE FOUR POSITIONS  
OPEN ON THE ACWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**UNION COMMANDER**

**CIVILIAN CORP DIRECTOR**

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# MILITARY DISPATCHES

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### CONFEDERATE COMMAND:

18 January, 1864

Men of the Confederate Army,

It is now time to prepare ourselves for the next set of campaigns this year. We were successful in pushing the enemy out of South California and into Nevada. We were met with a stiff resistance in Nevada and the Federals are preparing to return. We can start our preparation by coming to the Lincoln Shrine for a parade and camp set up on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be arriving on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> about 6am for camp set up and moving to Redlands High School around 8:45am for the parade. The parade will be about 1 mile in length. The Boy Scouts will go to the Redlands Bowl for a message and we will go to our camps for living history. When the Scouts are done they will visit us for a while. There will be no overnight camping available. I will return Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> around 9:00am for set up for the Lincoln Shrine Open House. These 2 days are great recruiting and support great causes.

I have very reliable sources that are telling me the Federal army is going to advance on Calico and try to take our silver mines. Sources are telling me they should arrive on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. We will meet our foe there and preserve the silver for our cause.

We are going to occupy the North end of town. Space will be tight, so I am going to ask for a few items to assure we can fit everyone up there. Please share tent space and try to put multiple people per tent. If you have an "A" frame tent, sleep a minimum 2 people, more if possible. The stage area will be for campaigners for all units. It will not be claimed by a single unit. Headquarters will be by the town side of the school house. This should leave more room for soldiers in the

main camp. Brigade commanders will have details shortly. What I understand is the town of Calico will provide us dinner on Saturday night, I do not know about lunch on Monday.

I have also been sending out scouts to see what the Federal Army has in Arizona. We will be sending some regiments to Blythe, Ca. They should arrive on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our ground there and keep the enemy from entering South California. The town folk in Blythe are very supportive of us. They may even provide a meal for us Saturday night! I do know having passed through there last year on my way East, they are very accommodating and hospitable. I had never been so well received by a town as I was in Blythe!

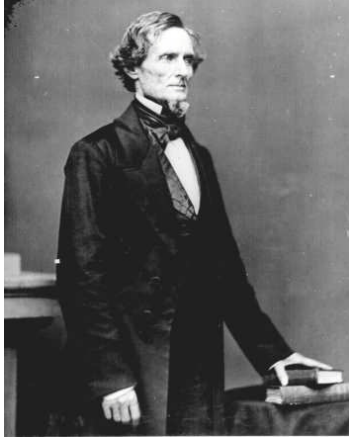
There is also fishing available in Blythe, I know of a sergeant who did rather well last year. You will need a California state fishing license and a Colorado River Stamp. A one year license is \$41.50, a one day license for California is \$13.40, and the Colorado River Stamp is an additional \$3.00. Unfortunately they require Federal greenbacks and not our own Confederate currency.

From there I have a review in Anaheim at Saint Catherine's Military Academy. They have sent us many folks into our ranks and have supported our cause! From what I have been told, the Colonel of the School is a proud Texan! Please support the academy by attending this event, it is for a good cause. Those are the plans for now. I do have some items I need to relate to you.

First of all, thank you for all of the support I have been receiving. Last year was not what I would call a good year in my book. You folks have provided me with prayers and strength.

Again, thank you a lot!

Secondly, there are some openings on the ACWS Board of Directors. We need your help to fill these positions. One of these is the Civilian Corp Director. Since we do not



have a Civilian Corp Director for Calico, we are going to ask any non-combatant to help with crowd control. Calico always has crowd issues and any help is appreciated. Please let your unit commanders know you are available so they can relate it to brigade and so on. We will be coordinating the crowd control through our Chaplains.

Tertiary, I need your continued input. I am your representative to the ACWS Board of Directors. My e-mail is [deadreb@yahoo.com](mailto:deadreb@yahoo.com). Let your brigade and unit commanders know, also. The more information I have of your wants and needs, the better we can work to meet those desires. I am here to serve you!

Quaternary, I am requesting the safety tests this year. From here on they will be required every 2 years. I wanted a clean slate this year. We are working on a plan to make the process easier, to do so, I am requesting tests this year. You can acquire the test at this website: <http://www.pacwr.org/>. The rules and the tests are there. Please coordinate through your companies and brigade staffs. We will have the stamps at Calico.

Lastly, I want to welcome the 2nd Florida to our ranks of the infantry. Most of them are veterans and please give them support. They are a new unit, and having started a unit of my own, it takes a lot of work. Help is very much appreciated. We would also like to welcome the Texas Rangers. They will be attending Calico as well. They will be joining the ranks of the Cavalry. Welcome aboard, Boys!

Our Obedient Servant,  
Col. J. Shawn Stidger  
ACWS Division Commander, ANV,  
Dept. of the Southwest



## MILITARY DISPATCHES



### UNION DIVISION

**My Fellow Reenactors -**

**Time has come for me to turn over the reins of the ACWS Union Command to another person - starting February 16, 2010 (the day after Calico). I do this strictly for personal reasons. Another contributing factor is that I feel changes to command from time to time are good for an organization. Nothing happened to generate my resignation, I just felt it was time to move on. I leave on the best of terms. I will remain an ACWS member and will continue to participate at ACWS events.**

**So why leave? Again, it was just time.**

**In my opinion the ACWS is the best organization around. The ACWS truly looks after the interests of its members and the reenacting community. The ACWS is inclusive to those that wish to participate, and treats everyone with the respect they deserve. It truly is a great organization, and I sincerely had a good time in Commanding the ACWS Union Division.**

**No replacement for me has been identified yet (at least not one that I have been told about).**

**As for me...A new Unit is being formed. Dave Crichton and I are starting the 2nd Independent Veterans Reserve Company to facilitate our participation in Civil War Reenacting.**

**I want to thank all those that supported me in my command. It has been a sincere honor and pleasure to serve as the ACWS Union Division Commander. I hope to see all of you at Calico and future events.**

**Gary Iverson**



HDQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Calif.,  
Los Angeles, California, January, 1863.

To all Enlisted Volunteers, Commanding Officers, and members of the ACWS Union Division:

This correspondence is to notify you that the enlistment period for Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson is coming to an end. Lt.-Col Iverson has selected not to re-enlist at this time for personal reasons. As such Lt-Col Iverson will no longer be in charge of the ACWS Union Division effective January 16 of this year.

In correspondence from Lieutenant-Colonel Iverson he relates his thanks for the valiant units that fought under him, the Officers that served under his command, and the Staff Officers that gave their help to ensuring the many victories we have enjoyed. Lt.-Col. Iverson relays his gratitude for those that have stuck by him and has enjoyed the pleasure of leading such an outstanding part of the Army.

Rumor has it that Lieutenant-Colonel Iverson will be serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Veterans Reserve Company, a new unit that is being formed to ensure that those who have served with distinction can continue to do so.

The replacement for Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson will be announced once the selection is made.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 1.  
HDQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Calif.,  
Los Angeles, California, January, 1863.

To Officer Commanding the Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Regiments, Union Brigade

It has been reported that units of the Confederacy are preparing to move on and seize the town of Calico. We anticipate three days of battle, and need your participation on February 13, 14, and 15. With the tragic losses at the Spring Mountain Ranch the Union cannot, and will not allow, the Confederacy to gain a foot hold in Southern California. By February 6 you are to report to either myself or my Division Adjutant with your unit name, if you expect to attend or not, commander rank and name, the number mustering, length of enlistment at this location (how many days), type and quantity of tentage/fly's/or cooking area requested.

As we all know there is limited area available to set up our encampment (in the southern area of town this year). To address this situation, each unit will be assigned a set space in which to establish camp. This space will most likely not allow for a great many wall tents per unit. We are asking that you consider using smaller tents and/or encourage the sharing of tents. No one is to establish camp without direction from myself of the Union Division Adjutant. Again, camp space will be allocated to your unit.

You are hereby ordered to take what volunteers you can muster, move to vicinity Calico, locate and join other volunteer units converging on the area. There you will assist in actions against this incursion by the opposing force. Keep in mind that your current ACWS card will keep you from paying the toll into the town of Calico. It is also regrettable that due to a request from the Mayor of Calico that only current ACWS members will be allowed to participate in this event.

You are to report upon arrival to the Union Division HDQRS by locating either myself or the Union Division Adjutant. You will proceed so as not to arrive later than 1PM on February 12. Again, we need as many forces as possible to help ward off the impending threat through Monday February 15.

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

## **FROM DAVID CRICHTON, VP and SECRETARY**

**To the Membership of the ACWS, I am at a crossroads in this hobby (including physically) I want to call mine. I have decided it's time for me to do something else in the hobby. So, I have resigned as the Vice President and Secretary of the American Civil War Society (ACWS) effective 28 February 2010.**

- 1. I don't make this move lightly and only do so after much reflection. I understand there may be some question about my motives and all kinds of conjecture and folk' wanting to make more out of this than there is. I've watched other "Leaders" in the re-enacting community roasting each other in public. Now that's real good for the re-enacting community. Having said that, there's no one for me to roast anyway – this board is a very hard working board and deserve much more thanks than condemnation.**
- 2. Who knows, maybe my leaving the board and the Federal Command after Calico as the Adjutant might bring some folks or units back. I think I've done a pretty damn good job, regardless of the folks who say different. And oh by the way I and the rest of the board pay dues like everyone else and get the same benefits as every member, so always remember the board are members to, as volunteers. So spread the word and tell the folks who want and think they can do better to step right on up and I wish them all the best. Just might be time for new blood.**
- 3. I want to thank Gary Iverson for being my friend, and those who know me know I don't use that term lightly. I also want to thank him for allowing me to be his beast of burden (AKA the "Adjutant"), it was an interesting adventure.**
- 3. There were a lot of folks who made my time as the Adjutant interesting, but one who comes to mind that took on some tasks without flinching is Sergeant Major Dave Fernandez. Thanks for all you did! To the Commanders and First Sergeants who grumbled about morning reports, or safety reports and weapons inspection, to having to have folks pull guard, or just this or that, but still came through - thank you very much. Remember that Calico is coming so we're not done yet!**
- 4. I want to thank the remaining members of the board, Paul Denuhilo, Joyce Bolin, Ken Dacey, Shawn Stidger and Sam Frankl. These folks are really trying to do their level best for the membership at large. Most folks don't realize we are actually hired to put on events, we in essence work for the folks putting on the event when the contract is signed. They select the dates, NOT the ACWS. We have some input, however the ACWS doesn't have the final say on the event date. So, we either do the event on the date selected, or we don't. The ACWS doesn't move dates, the Event Sponsor does. The board fully realizes that this at times creates scheduling conflicts. I will also say this, I don't know of a single Board Member who wakes up each morning and looks for ways to make things bad for the membership. Remember the Board are unpaid volunteers, whose only perk really is a lunch once a quarter when the board meets and satisfaction at getting an event executed. An event they also get to play in. Board members also attend other events. I will also say this - other events love it when ACWS members and units come to their events, but when was the last time you saw them at an ACWS event? Let the rationalizing commence. Be part of making things better, get involved in your organization, volunteer, make a difference. There are a lot of things that need to be latched onto and worked - all you have to do is approach a board member. All the email**



**addresses of board members are on the ACWS website - write to them. Ask questions, make recommendations, get involved, make a difference. I still plan on being involved with the ACWS.**

**6. And now it's time for me to say goodbye as a board member of the ACWS, but not the ACWS. For the most part I've enjoyed my time on the ACWS board, my best wishes to you all, the heart and soul of the ACWS. As you may have heard, Gary Iverson and I are standing up the 2nd Independent Veterans Reserve Company, coming to an event near you. There is more to follow at a later date on this unit.**

**God bless and I'll see you on the high ground**

**Dave Crichton**

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Dear Members of the ACWS,

Some of you are aware of the situation involving my wife, Anne, and the majority of you do not so I wish to tell everyone what has occurred. On December 3, 2009 Anne suffered a stroke in her spinal chord which left her paralyzed and necessitated her hospitalization for six weeks. I am glad to report she has regained some usage of her legs and some sensation has returned to her legs, and is able to walk for a short distance using a walker and is undergoing physical therapy to strengthen her muscles so that she will eventually be able to get around more easily. The doctors are optimistic and are saying recovery (unknown as to what extent) will be achieved within six to twelve months. Members of the units to which I belong have been very supportive and understanding as to my inability to fully participate in activities because almost my entire week is filled with visiting her, or doing chores she requires to make her comfortable.

All of the ACWS members who have personal knowledge of the circumstances have offered their sympathy, and most importantly their prayers for her recovery. We are not necessarily overly religious people, but we do believe in the existence, great power, and ability of a Divine Being, regardless of what He is called or which denomination one follows. Anne and I are extremely grateful for those prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery. Your thoughts and prayers have been heard and, we are grateful, they have been answered.

Anne has been a member of the ACWS Board for two years as the Membership Chairperson, and this illness prevents her from fully accomplish her task. The ACWS is very fortunate to have individuals who are willing to step up to the plate and serve our organization. Ken Dacey has volunteered to take over the position of Membership and Anne and I offer our congratulation to his nomination to the Board, and we offer all assistance we can to Ken to complete the task of processing the membership application in a timely manner so that all of you who plan on attending the upcoming Calico event will have their cards. Currently, the distance between our residences is too great for Anne to physically turn over all records and files to Ken, but thankfully the internet and telephone work, and we are in contact with Ken.

On behalf of Anne and myself I want to thank everyone in the ACWS for being so kind, understanding, and supportive of a member who has temporarily been sidelined by an illness, and we both look forward to resuming our full involvement in ACWS events and functions.

I remain your most obedient servant,

Sam Frankl

A quick view from the field (a Union Company) of the 12th Annual IVLHA/ACWS Live Fire:

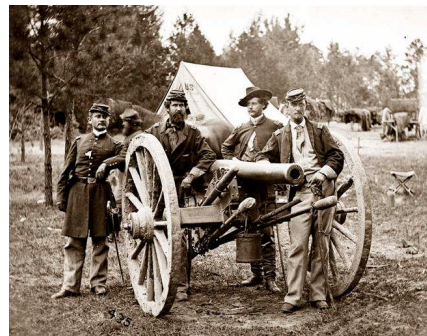
I love going down to the Live Fire every year. It is the one time a year that other folks get to see how you shoot as well as how they can shoot. For most it's a real eye opener. So during engagements when they take that 75 or 100 yard snap shot and holler "I got you Yank or Reb!", they really know that they would have missed by a freakin' mile! If you've never been to a live fire you really need to make the effort to go. The competitions at the live fire are for bragging rights, there's no trophies or medals or money, you just get to say I whooped you! There are events to suit just about everyone.

I had the honor to command the "Combined Union" Company during two of the hottest competitions at live fire. The Combined Union Company consisted of the 71st PVI, 7th Wisconsin, 6th US and 4th NJ, and yes we did have a couple Rebs shoot with us to balance out and they were quite welcome. Actually I think Sam wanted to make sure I didn't shoot him LOL! The CUC started the day off with being the first unit to do the Maneuver and Shoot. In this exercise you start about 300 yds from steel targets in one rank. You fire a volley and move forward, load, fire a volley, move forward, load, fire a volley, take down the top rail of a fence, move through, load, fire a volley and move forward, load and fire a volley - this puts you about 25 yards away, what ever targets are left, you fix bayonets and charge! Reassemble and move back to the starting point at a brisk walk, no running. All this is timed from beginning to end. Team with the fastest time wins. Bad news is, we were the only team that had to fix bayonets and charge. The good news is we were still the fastest unit! For those who think this is easy need to come try it! Not easy to hit a target when you're breathing hard and must squeeze the trigger on command for a volley! This is a good exercise to show you what really might happen as we move around on our battlefields and fire as a unit for a crisp volley. Volley might be crisp, but

the results might just surprise the heck out of you.

The 2nd event the Combined Union made it's presence felt in is called the hands of death. In this event you line up about 75 yards from a line of numbered steel targets (1-18), then a number is pinned to your back that corresponds to a steel target. The first shot is a volley fire then katie bar the door and fire at will. If your number is hit, which you don't know what it is you are pulled from the line, feels bad when you get pulled, but then it beats being dead in the real thing. After of course safely ensuring your musket isn't loaded. Last unit having a man standing is the winner. I am proud to say that the Combined US; we had some fine shooting artillerists with us on this one - 4th US I believe; sorry if I got it wrong, swept the competition away, whether it was the 8th Alabama, the 69th NYSV or the 8th Sussex with their carbines. The Combined US was awesome with it's volley and then disciplined loading, firing and accuracy - load fast, aim low and slow did the trick.

The 6th US took the overall sharpshooter, and that dude can shoot! And I have to admit, the Combined Union did get whooped during the 4x4 competition. Overall this is a great event to shoot stuff and just have a great time being around other re-enactors in a relaxed atmosphere. That is as long as you don't violate the first rule of the live fire - "DON'T SHOOT SAM"! Again if you've never been there you really have to make the effort to go in 2011. And if you've been there then you know what I'm talking about and



probably have planned on going next year already, I know I have!

Dave Crichton

## ACWS Calendar of Events 2010

<b>February 13-15, 2010</b>	<b>Calico</b>	<b>Calico Ghost Town Calico CA</b>	<b>ACWS Sponsored</b>
<b>March 6, 2010</b>	<b>Battle of Blythe</b>	<b>Blythe, CA</b>	<b>ACWS Sponsored</b>
<b>March 19-21, 2010</b>	<b>St. Catherine's Military School Event</b>	<b>Anaheim, CA</b>	<b>ACWS Supported Washington Artillery Sponsored</b>
<b>April 10-11, 2010</b>	<b>Prado</b>	<b>Prado Regional Park Chino Hills CA</b>	<b>SCCWA Sponsored ACWS Supported</b>
<b>April 10-11, 2010</b>	<b>Yuma Territorial Prison</b>	<b>Yuma AZ</b>	
<b>April 17-18, 2010</b>	<b>Mariposa Event</b>	<b>Mariposa CA</b>	<b>ACWS Recommended</b>
<b>May 15-16, 2010</b>	<b>Battle of Costa Mesa</b>	<b>Fairview Park Costa Mesa CA</b>	<b>ACWS Sponsored</b>
<b>May 16, 2010</b>	<b>Fort Tejon Tactical</b>	<b>Fort Tejon CA</b>	<b>FTHA</b>
<b>May 30-31, 2010</b>	<b>El Dorado</b>	<b>Long Beach CA</b>	<b>Richmond Howitzers</b>
<b>June 2010</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>July 9-10, 2010</b>	<b>Fort MacArthur</b>	<b>San Pedro CA</b>	
<b>July 17-18, 2010</b>	<b>Duncan Mills</b>	<b>Duncan Mills CA</b>	
<b>August 2010</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>October 30-31, 2010</b>	<b>SMR</b>	<b>Spring Mountain Ranch Las Vegas NV</b>	<b>ACWS supported</b>
<b>November 13-14, 2010</b>	<b>Moorpark</b>	<b>Tijera Ranch Moorpark CA</b>	<b>ACWS Recommended</b>
<b>November 13-14, 2010</b>	<b>We Are History</b>	<b>Queen Creek AZ</b>	<b>ACWS Recommended</b>

### **Additional organizations:**

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

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

**NCWA** [www.ncwa.org](http://www.ncwa.org)

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

**WeAreHistory:** <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 any other 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) abnormal 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.

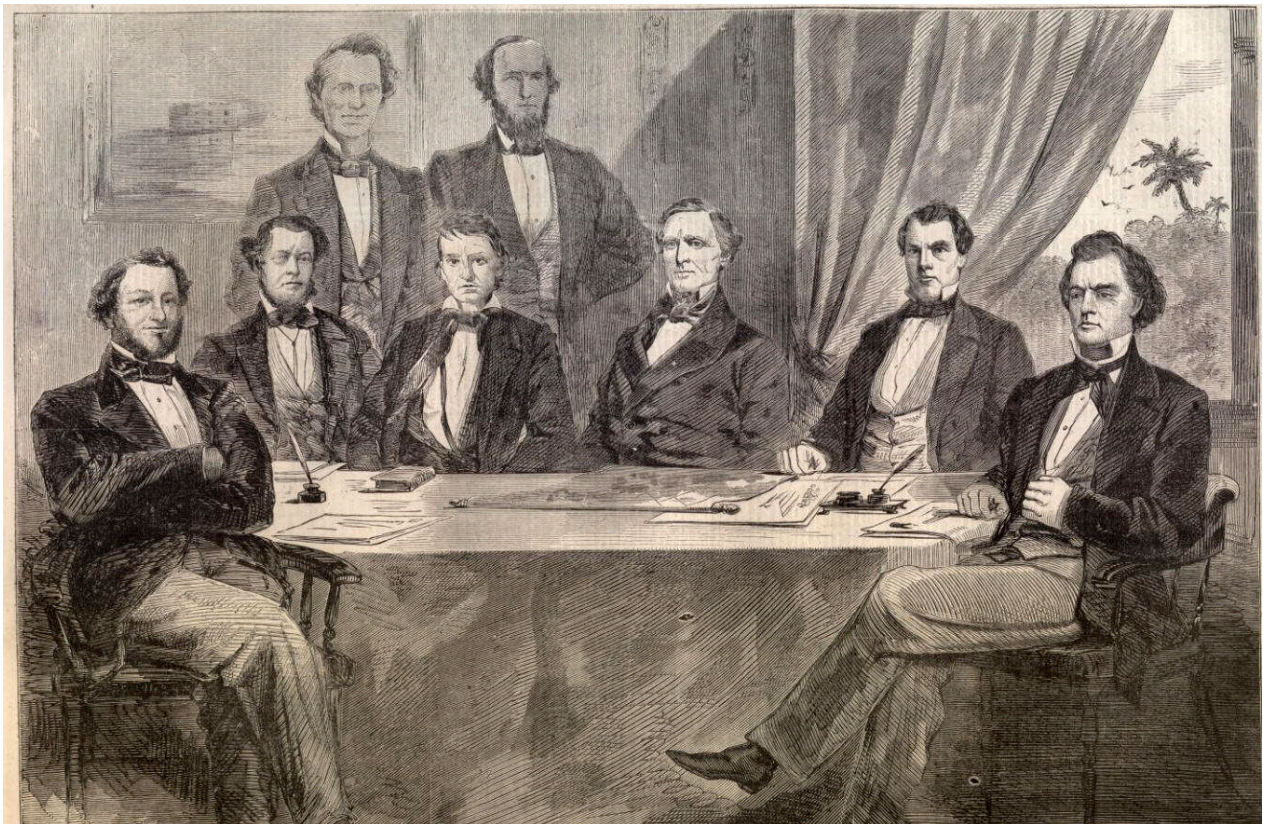
**Supported events** –ACWS provides auxiliary support for this event. **We provide liability insurance for our registered members only**, we cannot provide event insurance. ACWS provides no artillery reimbursements, no infantry powder issue. ACWS recommends inclusion of our impressions (i.e. Grant/Lee)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

#### Conditions for support:

All members of ACWS will be accepted without exception.

- 1 ) Artillery guns will be guaranteed at least 2 ea. Confederate and 2 ea. Union for ACWS full sized guns (batteries to be determined by ACWS).
- 2 ) 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.
- 3 ) ACWS units will be held within one cohesive military unit (brigade/battalion etc.) and be commanded by ACWS command structure.
- 4 ) ACWS command staff (U.S. and C.S.) will be included in scenario planning.
- 5 ) Participating ACWS members will adhere to ACWS safety rules and regulations. These rules and regulations will supersede any other event rules for our members.
- 6 ) 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.**





# SAVE THE DATE!



## The Civil War is brought to life!

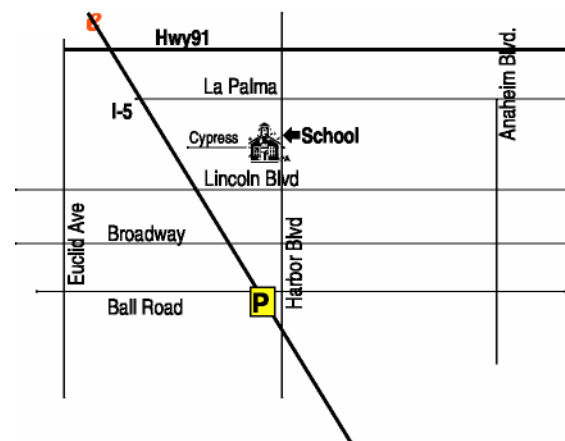
March 20<sup>st</sup> and March 21, 2010

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*

*\*Schools: Study Guides will be available — on the web 1*  
[www.StCatherinesMilitaryAcademy.org](http://www.StCatherinesMilitaryAcademy.org)

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**BATTLE OF BLYTHE**  
**March 6-7 2010**  
**Queshan Park**  
**Blythe, California**  
**Presented by the ACWS and**  
**Blythe's Chamber of Commerce**

Two battles daily  
Saturday 1 pm and 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday 11 am and 1 pm  
North & South Civil War encampments  
Hear the cannon fire, smell the gunpowder  
Visit our Civilian Town, Historical Clothing Presentation, Ladies Tea, Surgery  
Demonstration, Children's activities, period Baseball game and visit Sutlers row for  
great shopping and much more



# NEW UNITS TO THE ACWS

## WELCOME TO THE ACWS

### 7th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry

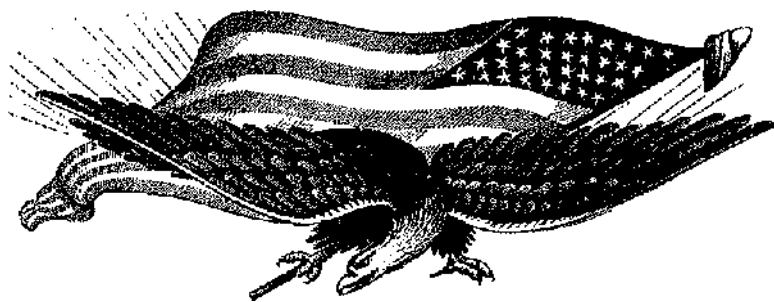


<http://7thOhioCavalry.volasite.com>

We are part of the ACWS (American Civil War Society) here in Southern California. The 7th Ohio includes men, women, children, and families. Active members of the unit range in age from 12 to 65 years old. The organization includes soldiers either mounted or dismounted. The hobby of reenacting has a role for just about anyone. In general, reenactors are people with a special interest in the Civil War, although there are no requirements on interest or knowledge level. As reenactors the culmination of this interest is an accurate representation to the public, your fellow reenactors and yourself as a Civil War soldier.

The 7th OVC was mustered out on July 4, 1865, and returned home to Ohio. During the war, the regiment lost 2 officers and 26 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 4 officers and 197 enlisted men by disease, for a total of 229 fatalities

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## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THIS UNIT IN THE CIVIL WAR**

"The Invalid Corps, renamed to the Veterans Reserve Corps (VRC) of the Civil War period was created to make suitable use in a military or semi-military capacity of soldiers who had been rendered unfit for active field service on account of wounds or disease contracted in line of duty, but who were still fit for garrison or other light duty, and were, in the opinion of their commanding officers, meritorious and deserving."

## **THE 2ND IVRC OPERATION TODAY**

The 2nd IVRC is open to accepting new members. Interested individuals can contact Dave Crichton or Gary Iverson. The primary purpose of the 2nd IVRC is to provide a place for re-enactors who might not be physically able to participate in two fights or more a day, but still wish to participate to their ability (like participating in one fight a day, or maybe not be physically able to take the field at all but still wish to participate in some military fashion). During the Civil War several organizations of the VRC did campaign and engage in direct combat. We will do what we are physically able to do while at re-enactments.

### **Our initial portrayal is as a RECRUITING STATION.**

Every proper means was used to fill up the corps during the Civil War as rapidly as possible. In a circular issued May 22, 1863, the Provost-Marshall-General called the attention of officers who had been honorably discharged for wounds and disabilities to the nature of the organization. He directed that the acting Assistant Provost-Marshall-General of each State should at once open a recruiting station for the corps; that he should attach to it a camp of rendezvous provided with the necessary quarters and subsistence for recruits. They were to be organized, uniformed, equipped, and armed at the camp of rendezvous.

In his capacity of superintendent of recruiting the acting Assistant Provost-Marshall-General of the State was held responsible that the depots should be kept supplied with material for this purpose. A discharged soldier wishing to enlist went before an enrollment board, and, if judged a proper subject for the corps, received a certificate to that effect. On this document any district provost-marshal would furnish him transportation to the nearest superintendent of recruiting, who, after satisfying himself that the applicant was of meritorious character, enlisted him.

### **UNIFORM**

One of the first steps of the War Department with regard to the corps had been to devise a special uniform for it. For enlisted men it consisted of a dark-blue forage cap and sky-blue trousers, according to the present regulation, and of a sky-blue kersey jacket, trimmed with dark blue and cut long in the waist, like that of the U. S. cavalry (current supplier is Milk Creek Sutler (price about \$100 plus shipping). Officers were directed to wear a sky-blue frock coat, with collar, cuffs, and shoulder-strap grounds of dark blue velvet, and sky-blue trousers, with a double stripe of dark blue down the outer seam, the stripes half an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch apart. Current issued accoutrements are still in effect as are either the Springfield musket in .69 or .58 caliber as well as the .577 caliber Enfield.

Tentage is the federal issue tentage either the shelter tent also known as the Dog tent or the Wedge tent in varying sizes. Wall tents are not authorized without the prior approval of the Headquarters.

### **ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS**

The unit will decide which events it will attend regardless of what organization putting the event on.

### **CONTACTS**

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We are in continued service to the Union. Signed at the Headquarters, 2nd IVRC