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Official Newsletter of the American Civil War Society

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**ACWS BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 28, 2009 11 AM**

**JOHNNY REB'S RESTAURANT**

**ORANGE CA**

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## PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

The beginning of the 2009 season has been fantastic for the ACWS, the Live Fire, Calico and St. Catherine's were once again incredible events.

The Friday snow at Calico was beautiful, the soft flakes floating down in the moonlight and the surprising warmth took the bitterness off the afternoon wind on Artillery point. Saturday was a great spring day that carried over to Sunday. A bit cold on Monday, and the rain did not help, but it sure showed that our pards who stayed over have some 'gumption! What some folks will do for fun, for the ACWS and a free hot dog is heartwarming!

A thank you from me and the board to our members, our ladies and our visitors for a good start for the 2009 season.

We have an exciting couple of Months coming up and we need all your support. We have two new events that are promising to grow into major events for us. Blythe was upon us much faster than we needed but the weekend was important for Blythe to have an event before the Snowbirds left. But why Blythe? We have seen our Arizona friends at SMR and many ACWS members have been attending Picacho. Blythe looks like a good compromise for an event that we and the Arizona reenactors can get to without one of us driving 12 hours. And it turns out to be a good replacement for the Yuma Crossing event that Arizona cancelled along with Picacho. Also the City, the school and the service clubs are 100% behind an event there and the park is a pretty good place to have an event in the desert. It has grass, trees, flush toilets and access to lagoon off the Colorado River. (Bring your poles!) And even more places to move to as we grow and the public learns about us. But we need your help, like all new events and the particularly the short notice it is sometimes a bit hard to get folks out. Please help us convince your pards to go a little extra on this one and turn out plenty of rifles. The durn cannoneers are claiming all the ground.

Our May event at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa, is also a new one. We are partnering with AMVETS Post 18 from Santa Ana on this. They are the folks who have been doing the Prado MTHE event. We changed the way we operate on this one and are making the event free to the public. We found out it would take over \$5,000 in temporary fencing just to secure the park for taking tickets and only \$4,000 to actually put the event on. That did not make sense so we left off the fence and are making it free to the public and hope that the parking fee of \$5.00 per car, the input from sutlers both period and non period and the solicitation of donations will at least break us even. The Lions are on board to sell food and to feed us all for free on Saturday night. Once again we have the Parks, the City and the Schools behind us on this one and a place to move to when we outgrow this park!

Paul De Nubilo A proud member of the ACWS!

## **NEW EVENTS:**

### **The Battle of Blythe**

My Fellow Union Reenactors:

As many of you know the State of Arizona cancelled the Yuma event that was scheduled for April 2009. Fortunately, the ACWS found a new location for an event about the same time as the Yuma event was cancelled. This time the arrangements for an event came together rapidly, and the ACWS is proud to announce the:

ACWS Battle of Blythe  
April 18 and 19, 2009  
Queshan Park in Blythe, California

The weather promises to be pleasant, and camping is planned to be on grass. There will be two battles on Saturday and two battles on Sunday (event schedule to come out soon). Period correct food vendors are also promised. Units can start setting up after 1PM on Friday April 17, 2009, but please make sure you check in with Union Headquarters before starting to set up camp.

#### Directions:

Take your favorite Freeway to Interstate Route 10 and head for the Arizona/California Border. (from Los Angeles) Take exit 243 (Riviera Drive). Continue straight on Donlon Street back under the freeway. Go north (right turn) on to Summer Drive. Turn east (right turn again) into Queshan Park...its the big grassy area. The event promises the possibility of having reenactors from different states participate with us again. The event site is right next to the Colorado River, so come join us...and don't forget to bring your bathing suit. This should be another great event...and lots of fun. To make sure we have room for everyone that wants to attend, please make sure you RSVP to me by April 10, 2009. I must apologize for the late notification, but the event site arrangements were just made final this month. I look forward to seeing all of you there!!!! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. One last request - Unit Commanders please pass this information on to your unit members. Even if the unit isn't going, it is our hope that individual members might. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun at ACWS events!!!!

Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson  
ACWS Union Commander

## The Battle of Costa Mesa

My fellow Union Reenactors –

This is the second new event that I have had the pleasure to announce to you in the last two weeks. In addition to what is provided below, here are some particulars:

Who: ACWS and AMVETS

What: A NEW Civil War Battle event (two battles on Saturday and two battles on Sunday).

Camping on grass, some flush toilets, and close enough to the beach to provide fair weather.

Where: Fairview Park in Costa Mesa at 2501 Placentia Avenue Costa Mesa, > CA

When: **May 9 and 10, 2009**

How: Take your favorite freeway to Interstate Route 405. Get off on Harbor Boulevard and go south (toward the beach). When you get to Adams Avenue go west (make a right turn). When you get to Placentia Avenue go south again (make a left turn). Fairview Park is on the right side of the street, and the parking is further south in the nearby High School Parking lot. As always we need to know if you are attending. Please reply with your attendance intentions before April 30, 2009. Folks have been asking for an event closer to this part of town, and your wish has now been filled. This promises to be a great event, and a lot of fun.

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> Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson

> ACWS Union Division Commander

Confederate States of America,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
(Official Business.)

16 MARCH, 1863

HELLO ALL! WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THE TOWN OF CANICO AND THE SILVER WILL REMAIN OUR FOR THE TIME BEING. I AM SURE THE FEDERAL ARMY WILL RETURN AS THEY SEEM TO DO ABOUT EVERY YEAR. FROM THERE WE MOVED TO ANATIEM TO HAAT THE FEDERAL ADVANCEMENTS NEAR SAINTE CATHERINES MILITARY SCHOOL. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE HELP OF COL. BIZZELL AND HIS CADETS. THEY PERFORMED ADMIRABLY AND ANCHORED THE CENTER OF OUR LINES. THEY REPRESENTED THE CADETS OF VMI EXTREMELY WELL. COL. BIZZELL AND THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THEM. THE COSTS OF WAR ARE ALWAYS HARD TO ACCEPT, BUT THESE BOYS ARE EXAMPLES OF COURAGE AND FORTITUDE. LT. KILLIAN'S REPORT HAS THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO SACRIFICED.

SO WHERE AND WHAT DO WE DO FROM HERE. THERE ARE REPORTS THE FEDERAL'S ARE GATHERING NEAR BLYTHE, CA. I AM ASKING FOR ANY REGIMENTS AVAILABLE TO MEET AT QUESHAN PARK IN BLYTHE ON APRIL 18 AND 19. FROM THERE WE WILL AGAIN STOP THE FEDERAL INCURSION MAY 9 AND 10 AT FAIRVIEW PARK IN COSTA MESA. WE WILL MEET OUR FOE WITH DIGNITY AND HONOUR, IF WE DO, SUCCESS WILL BE OURS. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LEAVE AMPLE MARCHING TIME TO ARRIVE AT THE BATTLE SITES.

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NEXT WE HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THE STAFFS FOR OUR DIVISION. WE ARE GOING BACK TO A DIVISION TO EASE RESTRICTIONS ON THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND IMPROVE THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. THIS ALSO MATCHES OUR FEDERAL COUNTERPARTS. I WANT TO THANK ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AND HAVE ACCEPTED THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

THE DIVISION STAFF:

DIVISION COMMAND: LT. COL. J. SHAWN STIDGER  
CHIEF OF STAFF: MAG. STEVE HUTTON  
ADJUTANT: CAPT. GENE SOMERS  
CLERK/QUARTERMASTER: LT. IRA LACK.  
ENGINEERS: CAPT. MIKE BUDANANDUCCI  
HOSPITAL: MAG. DAVE COTTON  
CAPT. DAVE COLLEY

THE CALVARY STAFF:

BRIGADE COMMAND: MAG. SCOTT PECA.  
ADJUTANT: CAPT. JOHN RIDLER  
SGT. MAJOR: VACANT AT THIS TIME

THE ARTILLERY STAFF:

BRIGADE COMMAND: MAG. MIKE COLLINS.  
ADJUTANT: CAPT. DOUG CARROLL  
SGT. MAJOR: SGT. MAJ. SAM FRANKL

THE INFANTRY STAFF:

BRIGADE COMMAND: MAG. JIM STYLLIE  
ADJUTANT: CAPT. DON NOBLES  
SGT. MAJOR: SGT. MAJ. MARCUS BRANNAN

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LAST ITEMS OF NOTE. WE WILL ARRANGING THE GUARD MOUNT ON A ROTATING BASIS. EACH BRIGADE'S SGT. MAJOR WILL OVERSEE THE GUARD MOUNTS AT ASSIGNED EVENTS. THE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY MAJ. HUTTON OF CAPT. SOMERS. EACH SGT. MAJOR WILL KNOW BEFORE EACH EVENT THEIR ASSIGNMENT. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSIST THEM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE TALK TO YOUR COMPANY COMMANDERS AND BRIGADE COMMANDERS. WE CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE OURSELVES AND OUR IMPRESSIONS. LET US STRIVE TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT:

Lt. Col. Jonathan Shaw Shelp

CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST.





Major Style,

The 1st LA will not be attending the Blythe event.

As for my after action report:

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28 Feb, 1863

St Catherine's Field, near New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia

Major Hutton,

We encountered the enemies of the confederacy this day. In our initial engagement, the infantry brigade took the field as reinforcements, as the dismounted cavalry were being pushed back by union sharpshooters. The right wing of the brigade was sent out, but again was repelled as they were engaged by the strength of the union forces. The remaining troops rallied on the colors as the left wing of the brigade was then fielded, including the cadets of the Virginia Military institute.

Things were bleak, but General John C. Breckinridge ordered the wing forward, with the cadets staying to the rear. The wing took heady casualties, and with a heavy heart the General had no choice but to order the cadets forward in an effort to take the Yankee artillery. Against the odds, the VMI cadets captured the opposition's canon, and forced the remaining Yankees off the field.

In our second engagement of the day, the tides turned against us. Our weakened army was again attacked by union forces. While we were tending to our wounded, the Yankees attacked. The dismounted cavalry was able to hold them back while the infantry formed. Again under the command of General John C. Breckinridge we pushed forward. Initially fate was on our side, and initial gains were made as we flanked the union infantry, but alas, their artillery line had been reinforced and the buck shot tore through our troops.

At this point a tragedy occurred; General John C. Breckinridge was hit by a Yankee musket ball, and fell wounded. The troops, demoralized by the loss, retreated from the field.

I personally have spoken to the surgeon treating the general, and have been told the wound was minor. He said that the general should make a full recovery with a few weeks of rest. I implore you to send more troops so we can hold back the Yankee line while the general recovers.

It is with deep regret I must inform you that the following cadets died on the field of honor:

William Henry Cabell	Charles Gay Crockett	Henry Jenner Jones
William Hugh McDowell	Jaqueline Beverly Stanard	Luther Cary Haynes
Alva Curtis Hartsfield	Samuel Francis Atwill	
Thomas Garland Jefferson	Joseph Christopher Wheelwright	

Very Respectfully your obedient servant,  
Brevet Major Paul Killian

**SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 1.**  
**HDQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Southern Calif.,**  
**Las Angeles, California, March 27, 1863.**

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

1. It has been reported by our scouts that a large contingent of Confederates, at least Brigade strength, is moving on into the desert area surrounding Blythe, California. If the Confederates gain control of this outer post our supplies could be in serious trouble. 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 18 April 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 18 April 1863 so as to arrive and report to the Union (Iverson's) Division not later than 0800, 18 April 1863

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

**SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 2.**  
**HDQRS. ACWS Union Division, Dept. of Southern Calif.**  
**Las Angeles, California, March 27, 1863.**

**The rumors are true. Our spies have alerted us to the Confederates plans to invade the Orange County coastal area of Costa Mesa, California on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. All orders are inclusive and all troops are on strict orders to proceed to the Fairview Park area on the above dates to stop the rebels from stepping into our beloved Orange County. All other orders are withstanding and will be followed to the letter. Contact your unit commander for further instructions.**

**Capt. David Crichton – Union Forces – Iverson's Division**

## **ACWS participates in the Lincoln Pilgrimage and Living History Event at Redlands, CA**



**Group of ACWS members waiting for the public to arrive (the usual suspects)**

On Saturday 7 February a group of ACWS members converged on Redlands to participate in the Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade and Living History event at the Lincoln Shrine. For those of you who don't know, 2009 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our 16<sup>th</sup> President. Anyway, what we didn't know is that the night before the parade was cancelled because of weather, even though the flyer said rain or shine. Apparently the Redlands Police didn't agree with the rain or shine part. This kind of brought into perspective the reason there weren't any barriers around and there was no one on the field to direct traffic, you know, one of those things that make you go hmmmmmm.....

About 8:30 am a gentleman from an elementary school band came over and told us the parade was cancelled. At this point my feelings were really hurt that I drove all the way down to here to Redlands from Barstow in a rain storm to march more than a mile in the worst foot wear any human has inflicted on another human. Can you tell how upset I was – not. He also told us that the ceremony that was going to be held at the shrine had been moved into the high school auditorium; and that President Lincoln (Don Ansel) was enroute. So maybe the trip wasn't a total loss. We linked up with a couple more ACWS members and worked our way to the auditorium. The event organizer was elated to see us and promptly asked us to be ready to escort President Lincoln into the auditorium and to mingle with the folks coming to the event. An escort was rapidly set up with Sergeant Major Fernandez in charge assisted by Lieut. (Corporal for the day) Vinnie Fernandez.

While we were waiting there were LOTS of folks who asked lots of questions and wanted pictures taken with the ACWS folks who were there. It became obvious rather quickly that it was very much appreciated that we were there; not only from the organizers but the folks attending. Captain Shawn Stidger, the gentleman who brought this event to the attention of the board and ACWS units was quite happy that for the first time since he's been coming to this event the Union outnumbered the Confederates for this parade and living history event.

Time came to escort President Lincoln into the auditorium. The escort lined up two by two and we moved into the building in a completely military manner, straight and smart, bayonets fixed, Union and Confederates alike. To applause and cheers we escorted President Lincoln to his seat. Lieut Col Iverson then smartly saluted the President and returned to his spot. Sergt Maj Fernandez gave a crisp "ABOUT FACE!" and "FORWARD MARCH" and again to applause and thanks we marched out of the building. It was simple but very well executed and the people loved it. The organizer met us as we came out of the building and shook our hands – he was quite pleased with how things turned out. Maybe driving down here from Barstow in a rain storm to find out the parade was cancelled wasn't such a bad thing after all!



**Captain Shawn Stidger, Ryan O'Connell, Sgt Maj Dave Fernandez and Corpl (for the Day) Vinnie Fernandez**

**Captain Stidger asked everyone to gather around to express his appreciation for everyone making the trip down. We then moved down to the Lincoln Shrine to prepare for the living history piece of the event. We can definitely add more here now that the Union Division knows what is there and what to expect. I'm thinking next year we can have a few more displays there. Having said that Captain Stidger had an A frame set up, and Major and Mrs Simmons had quite the show going on and folks loved it immensely. Doc Malarkey was also there with his setup.**



**Donnalee helping a young person sew – her set up was a big hit**

**All in all it was a great day and very much worth the drive down the hill from Barstow in a storm. And next year, rain or shine, I plan on driving down the hill to participate, even if it means walking more than a mile in the worst things another human ever inflicted on another human – brogans. I'm hoping to get more ACWS members out, Union and Confederate. It is a great recruiting opportunity, I made five contacts, and I'm sure others did as well if not better. I wish I could have participated on Sunday as well. I think this event is a very worthwhile. There is plenty of room to set up displays of all types. Hope to see more folks there next year; I'm already planning what I can take down to set up for next year.**

**I'm also including a few more photos to show the area a bit and display the Lincoln Shrine. Redlands was fortunate to have on hand one of three replicas of President Lincoln's Coffin (minus the lead lining) made by the same company that made the original. The coffin is scheduled to be there for 15 Days. Wish I could have seen President Lincolns (Don's) face when he saw it.**

**There was also a display about the California Regiment. Those who know their history know that the California Regiment became three Pennsylvania Regiments, the 71<sup>st</sup> PVI being one, who maintained on their colors was proud to list themselves as the "California Regiment" through the time they were active.. They were thrilled that there were folks there who portray the 71<sup>st</sup> PVI.**



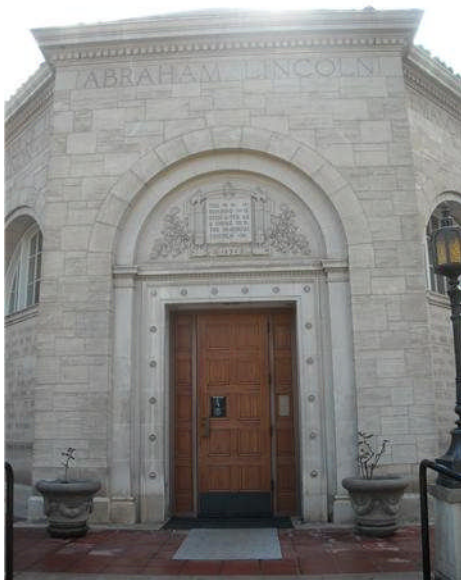
**Respectfully Submitted, Capt Dave Crichton, Adjutant, Union (Iverson's) Division**



**Past and present California Regiment members inside**



**Replica of Lincolns casket – yes it is 6' 3"**



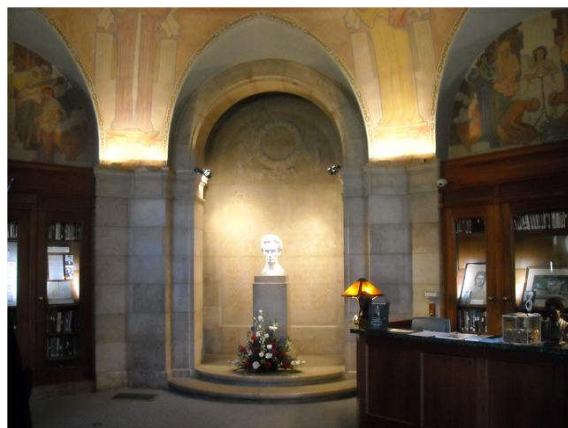
**Front Entry**



**Side View**



**Inside the Lincoln Shrine**



**Memorial to President Lincoln**

# Civilian Chatter

Since the last newsletter we have had three wonderful events, a living history event at the Lincoln Shrine and two reenactments at Calico and St. Catherine's Military Academy. I am pleased to say we have two more new events planned for April and May.

Getting a new event off the ground takes a lot of work by many people. There are permits that must be obtained, approval by various city/county agencies, a sponsor must be located, and the necessary infrastructure, such as fencing, porta pots, water, etc., to be arranged. When we have events at our usual places these duties become easier as the people involved know us and are happy to help us with what we need. When we try to have an event at a new location, we need to educate the city councils, the police and fire departments, the local service clubs and businesses what we are all about so that they also see the benefit of us having an event in their area. When we get everyone behind the event, then the event can happen. Too many times the ACWS Board has worked on a new location, things were looking good, and then one element, a government agency or the lack of a sponsor, fails to back the event, and then the event is off. There are some new locations we have been working on for years and we are still hopeful we will be able to get them to the event status eventually.

## 2008 CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION AWARD

At the first reenactment in Calico we had the drawing for the 2008 Civilian Participation Award. The Award was a nice folding wooden kitchen table. The Reverend Roger Hurley's grandson name was pulled from the jar containing the script earned at each ACWS event in 2008 by the civilians. Rev. Hurley said the family was in need of a new wooden table and the table will also be useful at ACWS church services.

ACWS script is earned through attendance at ACWS events and by helping at those events with programs such as crowd control, teas, historical clothing presentations, youth programs, etc. Make sure to sign in with me at each event so script can be entered in your name for 2009. I am also interested in hearing your suggestions for an appropriate award for 2009.

## LOOKING BACK

A few of us braved the cold, wet weather to celebrate President Lincoln's 200th birthday at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade and Lincoln Shrine Living History Encampment. Even though the police cancelled the parade for safety reasons, we joined the Boy Scouts at the High School and then set up tents back at the Lincoln Shrine. The Lincoln Shrine opened its doors to as many as the living history displays and participants as would fit in the limited space. ACWS members including the American Anti-Slavery Society and dancers John and Dorothy were able to seek shelter inside. Other ACWS civilians, including Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Frankl, gathered under a fly outside. Mr. Ricker challenged the young and old to a game of checkers. THANKS to all that braved the cold damp weather.

The Calico Civil War Days were eventful to say the least. On Friday many of our arrivals were delayed by roads blocked with snow. For those of us that were able to make it on Friday, we were treated to a nice dusting of snow in the evening. The bales of hay, cannons, and tents were so picturesque covered in snow. Seeing our soldiers play like kids throwing snow balls at each other was humorous.

Saturday morning we woke up to beautiful bright sunshine. As the delayed troops set up their camps, Town Hall was opened by the ACWS Ladies. We shared hot chocolate, made valentines for our loved ones, had dutch oven cooking demonstrations, and took care of membership renewals.

Nancy and Timothy Reaves opened the School House in North Calico. Here are Nancy's comments. I had a wonderful time in the position of the "School house teacher" for the weekend. My classes consisted of well over 200 students over the two days I was there! Although, several students, youngsters to a few over 60 years old, ended up on the Dunce stool for a duration, for the most part, the rest were well behaved!

I did, what I called, "A Graduation Day" and had a fun time randomly picking out students to rise and state their name to the class. I would then ask them one question that if they answered correctly, they would then be allowed to graduate. My list of questions seemed to have gained much laughter! (Gee, I wonder why?) And so with much help from fellow classmates, each and every student brought before me, did in fact, graduate! I had many students that stayed for more than an hour just to learn some of the things I was having fun teaching the class! It was a fun time for all.



Mrs. Reaves testing a student for graduation.

Our dear Mr. President Lincoln also honored us with a visit and with great pride and respect, I invited him up to the front of the class to "chat a bit" about his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln and where he was born and such, and then I asked him if he would be so kind to recite the Gettysburg Address once again for the class! And he did! It was fantastic!

Also, our town Sheriff Reaves, paid the

class a visit, which seemed to quiet down some of the little rascals in my class! Especially when I mentioned that the Sheriff Reaves was also my husband!

On Saturday night a nice buffet was served to all the reenactors. Heaters were set up to ward off the night chill. The Occasional Strings and caller Tom Atkins guided those with enough energy to dance the night away. Sunday was another beautiful day. The clouds threatened, but the rain held off. We had record crowds at the Church Service.

The ACWS Junior Cadet Program was another success! THANK YOU Cpl. Robert Lujan and the 10th NY for helping with the instruction of these young soldiers.



Junior Cadets taking the oath of service.

THANK YOU Louisiana Tigers and the 8th Alabama for giving the young cadets someone to shoot. Both Saturday and Sunday we had as many kids as we had toy muskets to loan them. The children, parents, and soldiers had a great time. On Sunday they had so much fun, they decided to have two battles, one in the Silver Bowl and one through the streets of Calico. Boy can those kids run fast! Thank goodness the soldiers were running downhill. THANK YOU, President Lincoln for discharging the cadets on Sunday. It really made their day.

We were not as lucky on Monday with the weather. A light rain began falling around 10 am, but the crowds still came and the armies





The 8th Alabama marches to take the Silver Bowl from the Jr. Cadets



The Jr. Cadets defend the streets of Calico.

battled through the streets. A special THANKS goes out to all who helped with crowd control at Calico, especially to Karen Pryde, Barbara Karr and Anne Frankl who stayed through Monday. I would also like to thank the ladies of the Washington Artillery, Janet DeNubilo, Anne Frankl and Roseanne Hill, who prepared and served lunch to both the Union and Confederate soldiers. THANK YOU.

The Union and Confederate armies met again a couple of weeks later at St. Catherine's Military Academy in Anaheim. The quarters were tight, but I was pleased to see a new section opened to house ACWS' civilians. Sheriff Akkerman, Mrs. Akkerman with her Temperance Society display, and Mr. and Mrs. Kleiner provided the public with the civilian point of view of has volunteered to host a Ladies Tea, so remember to bring a chair and your tea cup. I hope to

the 1860s. THANK YOU so much for your participation.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Battle of Blythe, Quechan Park in Blythe, CA, April 18-19, 2009. This is a new event! The city government and community of Blythe are 100% behind this event. The event will be held at Quechan Park where the Colorado River runs through the park of green grass and shade trees. Service clubs will have food booths and a Saturday night meal will be provided to the reenactors.

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from I-10 West: Take the Riviera Exit. Make a left at the stop sign, go under the bridge, make a right turn on Summer Drive. Coming from I-10 East: Take the Riviera Exit. Make a right turn at the stop sign, make a left turn on Summer Drive.

The battle times are 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm on Saturday and 11 am and 2 pm on Sunday. I am still working on a schedule of civilian activities. If you have an impression that you want on the schedule, let me know as soon as possible.

Wooden Nickel has been rescheduled to October 17-18, 2009.

Costa Mesa, May 9-10. This is another new event! Sponsored by the ACWS, AMVETS, and the City of Costa Mesa this reenactment event will be held at Fairview Park, a city park, in Costa Mesa. I visited this site and it looks as though it is fairly new park as the trees are still small, but there is plenty of green grass.

The local Lion's Club will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers during the day and will provide a free dinner to reenactors on Saturday night.

I am beginning to work on the schedule of activities for the civilians. If you have an impression that you want on the schedule, let me know as soon as possible. Mrs. Stidger

have volunteers to help with the ACWS Junior Cadet Program.

#### LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

We have two new events to plan. This is an opportune time to create events that satisfy your needs. Let me know what you want to do and see at events.

If you have not done so, don't forget to take the General Safety Test and have your membership card stamped. The tests are located on the ACWS website, [www.acws.net](http://www.acws.net).

As soon as you know you are going to attend an event, let me know so that I can include you in the planning for the event. Schedules for an event are finalized about one month prior to the event.

Remember to sign in with me at each event so that you can earn ACWS Script. If it is at all possible, volunteer to help at an event. You earn more script the more you help out.

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

Remember to have fun! Donnalee Simmons  
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## ACWS 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SUPPORT/ SPONSORED
April 18-19, 2009	Battle of Blythe	Blythe, CA Queshan Park	ACWS Blythe Chamber of Commerce
May 9-10, 2009	Battle of Costa Mesa	Costa Mesa CA Fairview Park	ACWS / AMVETS City of Costa Mesa
June 13-14, 2009	Thousand Trails	Acton, CA	ACWS
4th of July 2009	Support Your Local Event		
Sept TBD 2009	Riley's Farm	Oak Glen CA	ACWS
Oct 10-11, 2009 Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2009	Wooden Nickel Spring Mountain Ranch SMR	Menifee, CA Las Vegas NV	ACWS
January 9, 2010	Grand Ball	Masonic Lodge Norwalk CA	ACWS Public and Reenactors Invited

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.**

25th Annual  
West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference  
October 23-25, 2009  
Clovis, California

**The Campaign for Chattanooga**

Featuring:

**Steven Woodworth, (Keynote Speaker) Professor, Texas Christian University Wiley  
Sword, Author & Historian**  
**William Glenn Robertson, Director, Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth**  
**James Ogden, Chief Historian, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park**  
**James Stanbery, Professor, Los Angeles Harbor College**  
**Lee White, Staff Historian, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park**  
**Chris Young, Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP**  
**Evan Jones, Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park**

For registration and program information, please consult our website:

[www.chattanooga2009.com](http://www.chattanooga2009.com)

Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference

*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.

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For More Information, visit [www.civilwardays.net](http://www.civilwardays.net)

PRESENT

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

Proceeds from this event will go toward battlefield preservation



# **BATTLE OF BLYTHE**

## **APRIL 18-19, 2009**

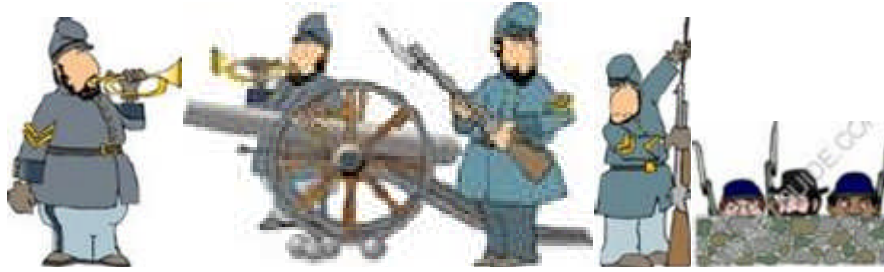
**Queshan Park  
Blythe, California  
Presented by the ACWS and  
Blythe's Chamber of Commerce**

Two battles daily  
Saturday 1:30 pm and 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday 11 am and 2 pm  
North & South Civil War encampments  
Hear the cannon fire, smell the gunpowder  
Visit our Civilian Town and Sutlers row for great shopping  
and much more



### **Directions:**

Take your favorite Freeway to Interstate Route 10 and head for the Arizona/California Border. (from Los Angeles) Take exit 243 (Riviera Drive). Continue straight on Donlon Street back under the freeway. Go north (right turn) on to Summer Drive. Turn east (right turn again) into Queshan Park...it's the big grassy area.



## **1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF BLYTHE**

**QUESHAN PARK**

**BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA**

**APRIL 18-19, 2009**

Sponsored by the American Civil War Society

Two Battles on Saturday and Sunday! Camping on grass! Period food vendors and they are planning a Saturday night meal for reenactors.

Units can set up anytime after 1PM on April 17, 2009, but must check in with Brigade command and the Civilian director before starting to set up camp.

### **Directions:**

Take your favorite Freeway to Interstate Route 10 and head for the Arizona/California Border. From Los Angeles) Take exit 243 Riviera Drive. Continue straight on Donlon Street back under the freeway. Go north (right turn) on to Summer Drive. Turn east (right turn again) into Queshan Park...it's the big grassy area.

The event promises the possibility of having reenactors from different states participate with us again. The event site is right next to the Colorado River, so come join us...and don't forget to bring your bathing suit. This should be another great event...and lots of fun. The folks in Arizona saved the Picacho date let's save the Yuma Crossing date! To make sure we have room for everyone that wants to attend, please make sure you RSVP April 10, 2009. We apologize for the late notification, but the event site arrangements were just made final this month.

One last request - Unit Commanders please pass this information on to your unit members. Even if the unit isn't going, it is our hope that individual members might.

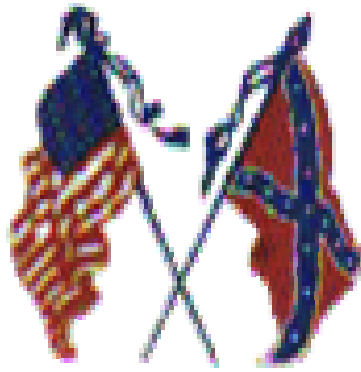
Everyone is welcome to come and have fun at ACWS events!!!!

Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson ACWS Union Commander [gary\\_iverson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gary_iverson@dot.ca.gov)  
Colonel Shawn Stidger ACWS Confederate Commander [deadreb@yahoo.com](mailto:deadreb@yahoo.com)  
Civilian Corps Director Donnalee Simmons [dlsimmon@pacbell.net](mailto:dlsimmon@pacbell.net)

### **Thank You!**

**Paul De Nubilo (805) 497-7020 [denubilo@adelphia.net](mailto:denubilo@adelphia.net)**





**CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT  
BATTLE OF COSTA MESA  
MAY 9 & 10, 2009**

**Fairview Park  
Costa Mesa, California  
Presented by the ACWS and AMVETS  
City of Costa Mesa**

Two battles daily  
Saturday 1:30 pm and 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday 11 am and 2 pm  
North & South Civil War encampments  
Hear the cannon fire, smell the gunpowder  
Visit our Civilian Town and attend our Ladies Tea plus visit the Sutlers row  
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**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES and,**  
**FUND ASSETS**  
**As of:**

12/31/08

Assets	<u>\$ 22,306</u>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Total Liabilities	\$ 5,275
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Fund Balances:

Unrestricted Funds	\$ 16,409
Restricted Funds	<u>622</u>

Total Fund Balances	<u>17,031</u>
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 22,306</u>
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**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Combined
RECEIPTS:			
Revenues	\$ 32,046	\$ 3,980	\$ 36,026
Total Receipts	\$ 32,046	\$ 3,980	\$ 36,026
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Program Costs	24,143	3,632	27,775
Administrative Expenses	2,838		2,838
Total Disbursements	26,981	3,632	30,613
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,065	\$ 348	\$ 5,413
Fund Balance: Beginning of Period	11,344	274	11,618
Fund Balance: End of Period	\$ 16,409	\$ 622	\$ 17,031