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## Editor's Note:

If you have an interesting story to share please send it to me. My email is [gaman249@verizon.net](mailto:gaman249@verizon.net). I hope to hear from you at the upcoming events. Have fun, be safe, and love one another. Remember, ACWS is **people** and **pet friendly** (yes, your dogs are welcome). I want to thank everyone who has come out to our events. I want to thank all of our new members who have joined ACWS so far this year.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!

### NEW MEMBERS

Parry	Boone	Megan	Horan
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Ken	Hodges		

I want to mention those folks in our group who have or will be celebrating a birthday in the months of March and April. Please join me and the ACWS Board in wishing them all a **Happy Birthday**.

### March

Virginia E.	Bange
R. David	Cartwright
Lisa	Coffey
Michael	Climo
El Roy Jr.	Codding
David	Delgadillo
Michael	DeGregorio
Paul	DeNubilo
Christopher	Dart
Karen	Stanford
Bruce	Fleshner
Richard	Holt
Megan	Holt
Dakota	Ibarra
Elizabeth	Kleiner
Kathleen	MacMillan
Suzanne	Nounna
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Michael	Pamplin
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Syria Jane	Zoch

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Jeff	Blansett
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William	Wright

## ~A Word or Two From the PRESIDENT~

Calico 2013! What a great way to start our reenacting year. I want to thank San Bernardino County, Calico Ghost Town, Nicole, the weather, and all of you for making it a great success. The feedback from the vendors in town was very good, and I think the crowds make the town and county very happy. This was my first year coordinating things, and I will admit we had a few glitches. We will improve them for next year. Our school programs are moving ahead, and if you are able to teach and demonstrate, please we could use your participation. Memberships keep growing, which I see as a great sign. Reenactments new and old are on the calendar. All in all, it looks like a great year, with the highlight for many being Gettysburg 150 the end of June. We seem to have events almost year round locally, but visiting the actual sites is a huge plus. I hope to see you at an event soon.

Regards,

David Grimsrud

## ▣ MILITARY DISPATCHES ▣

### Confederate Command

From: James R Tebbetts, Col.

ACWS Confederate Command

To: Members of the Confederate Command

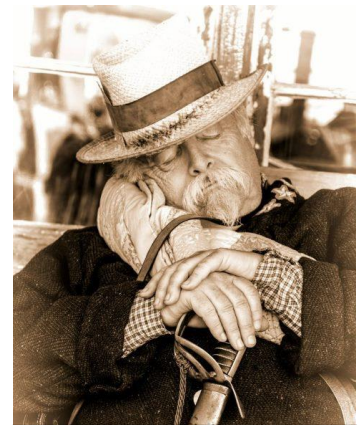
Date: January 15, 1863 (+150 years)

Subject: Confederate Command Report

**APPOINTMENTS** - The following appoints are made for the following positions on the Confederate Division Staff:

**Division Quartermaster** - Major Raphael Moses (portrayed by Dale Jacobs, Pvt Co A, 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia). Moses is best known as the chief commissary officer for General James Longstreet, the man General Robert E. Lee called "my old warhorse." Moses assumed this position in November 1862, at the age of fifty, and served at Chickamauga; Second Manassas, Virginia; the first battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; and the major campaigns around Chattanooga and Knoxville, both in Tennessee. Moses had regular contact with several of the South's most famous generals and was especially close to Robert E. Lee. Moses was with him during the Battle of Gettysburg and, on the evening of the defeat, slept near him on the ground while a heavy storm rained down upon them. Moses was responsible for feeding and supplying up to 54,000 Confederate troops and personnel, and his actions contrasted sharply with the Union policy of looting and burning homes, farms, and entire cities full of defenseless civilians. Moses had been forbidden by Lee to enter private homes in search of supplies during raids into Union territory, even when food was in painfully short supply, and he always paid for what he did take from farms and businesses, albeit in Confederate tender. Moses attended the last meeting of the Confederate government, at the Bank of the State of Georgia (later the Heard House), in Washington in Wilkes County on May 5, 1865. It was there that he carried out the Confederacy's last order. Moses was ordered by Confederate president Jefferson Davis to take possession of \$40,000 in gold and silver bullion from the Confederate treasury and deliver it to help feed and supply the defeated soldiers straggling home after the war. Moses successfully carried out his duty, despite repeated attempts by mobs to take the bullion forcibly.

**Division Chaplain** – Chaplain William Thomas (portrayed by Mark Schoenberger, AKA 'Cousin' Jasper Stone, Private, Hampton's Legion). Chaplain Thomas enlisted as a Pvt. in Co. C of Hampton's Legion 14 August 1861. Was wounded "slightly" in the neck at the Battle of Seven Pines 31 May 1862, and hospitalized. Wounded again at 2 Manassas 30 Aug. 1862, and hospitalized again. Became acting



Don't wake  
the sleeping Tiger.

Chaplain of Hampton's Legion in June of 1863. Commended for bravery and officially made regimental Chaplain Nov. 1863. Chaplain Thomas was the 4<sup>th</sup> and last Chaplain for Hampton's Legion. As with most Chaplains, Priests, Rabbis and the like, Chaplain Thomas will hold the rank of Captain, for purposes of Pay and Benefits. Mark Schoenberger, known throughout Southern California Reenacting as "Cousin Jasper", started reenacting with the 8th LA. in the Early 1990's. He became Chaplain while in that unit, and has been an active reenactor ever since. Mark is now with Hampton's Legion portraying Chaplain Thomas.

**Other Positions Available** - There are a few appointive positions available on Division Staff. Right now am looking for a combination Sergeant Major/Provost. If you are very knowledgeable of duties at the division level, or willing to learn, see me at a future event. You can be infantry, cavalry, or artillery oriented. Old veteran or young knowledgeable recruit.

**RULES/POLICIES REMINDERS/IMPLEMENTATION** - Rule 3.3.2. of the ACWS rules deal with authenticity. Most all units that participate at ACWS events have a similar rule. Noticed at the Calico event some items that need to be looked at.

**Distaff Soldiers** - Rule 3.3.2.3 of the ACWS rules encourages women to portray soldiers as well as portraying documented Vivandiere/Cantinierre impressions. The rule also includes the dreaded 'Five – Foot Rule,' in that at a distance of five (5) foot or greater, the average spectator should be unable to distinguish a male soldier from a female soldier. Many of us do outfit a 'woman' to fight and I don't have an issue with her looking 'girly,' the first time she goes out. But, sometimes there is a but, if she joins up, 'man' her up. Also, don't wear items with straps that 'cross the heart.' If found out that you are a 'distaff' soldier, be prepared to be Court Martialed and drummed out camp. Which you can come back into at night and we start all over again.

**Wearing of 'under drawers'** - Observed the wearing of 'one's 'under drawers.' During scenarios (battles) don't have a problem as if one is in Pennsylvania in July, and firing a cannon, would guess there would be some 'stripping down' to keep a bit cooler. But, don't walk around camp/event site that way. Put on your shirt and/or jacket.

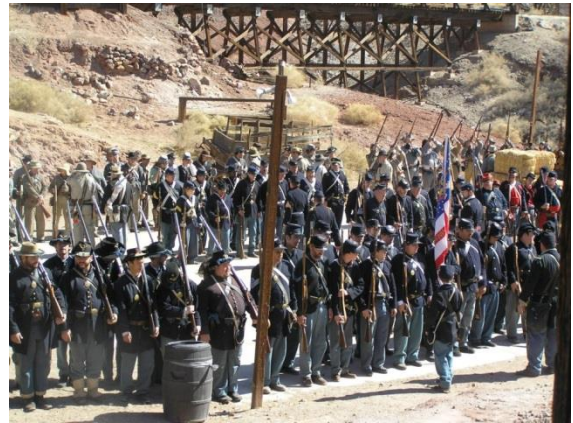
**Tattoos** - many of us have tattoos. Tattoos are period for the Civil War, but (sometimes there is a but) most all 'modern' tattoos are not period correct. Try and keep them covered

**Ear Piercing** - some of us have ear and other body parts piercings. Piercing was not a 'normal' period activity. Please remove or attempt to cover up.

**DIVINE INTERVENTION?** - The annual ACWS Raffle was held at Calico. Any member of the ACWS that participated at an event on the Confederate side (Union too) was awarded a single ticket for each day they attended (this based on morning reports submitted by your company 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeants to Division Adjutant. If they were not submitted, you don't get credit for attending). As many of us know, Rev Roger Hurley attended a number of ACWS events last year until his early passing. A number of memorials were held at different events. One was held on Saturday at Calico. After the second battle on Sunday, we drew tickets. All the tickets were mixed up by two different people AND we had an uninterested third party, of the ripe young age of about 3 pull the winning ticket. Yup, Roger won the raffle prized (\$600). Could some type of divine intervention have had occurred? I took the prize up to the Union Camp, where Mrs. Hurley was encamped and presented it to her. Tears were in her eyes and she commented that now they family has more money to permit them to go to Gettysburg this year.



**NEW CONFEDERATE RAFFLE TICKET POLICY** - As noted in the previous article, members earn raffle tickets at events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the ACWS. We now have an event that is 'three-days' long, Calico. To recognize and thank those members of the ACWS that stay over for the third day, they will be issued two tickets if they attend the event on Monday. Also, if there is an event that comes up in the future where there is a 'school day' on Friday or another event with battles on Monday (possibly Vail Lake in May) two tickets will be provided to those that come out on those days. I am working on policy change on the Confederate side in which if there is an event that is 'supported' by the ACWS (Ft Tejon Invitational, Prado, etc.) and if the ACWS Battalions (Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry) are allowed to fight as a Battalion under their normal commanders, members would also be awarded a ticket for each day they are there. Will be working with overall Confederate Commanders at these events to see they are agreeable that the ACWS Battalions can fight as a group under their commanders (Major Collins, LC Peca, and Major Stytle). More on this at a future date.



**LOST AND FOUND** - At the Calico event, found, two items - One on the dance floor after the dance on Saturday night and one in/near the street near the Confederate Camp (near 8<sup>th</sup> La Camp). IF you think these are yours, let me know. I will try and remember and bring them to St Cat's or Prado.

### **PAST EVENTS -**

**San Bernardino Library Living History** - Sponsored by San Bernardino Library. A living history done in coordination with a presentation on Abraham Lincoln. Had a nice write up in the San Bernardino Sun newspaper ([http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_22362828/civil-war-re-enactors-bring-living-history-san](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_22362828/civil-war-re-enactors-bring-living-history-san))

**IVLHA Live Fire** - Sponsored by the IVLHA and ACWS. Annual event held in Imperial County. Good Chance to fire your black powder muskets and pistols. Contest were held for best shots, be it musket, pistol or cannon. No word on winners at the event yet. Will try and include in next edition.

**Calico.** Annual ACWS Event - One of the better events weather wise, warm days and cool (not cold) nights. Good turn out on the Confed side with representatives of the 10<sup>th</sup> Va, 4<sup>th</sup> Tx, 8<sup>th</sup> Al, 8<sup>th</sup> La (E), 8<sup>th</sup> La (F), 1<sup>st</sup> La (Tiger Rifle), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ky, 43<sup>rd</sup> Va, and Washington Artillery. Thinking Ken Dacey and I are getting our collective 'battle' ideas together. Lots of movements, small unit tactics, and such. We were able to move G&M Sutlery out of the 'arroyo' which opened this area for additional areas to fight in. Think as it relates to spectators this event had many more that what has been seen in the past. Picture to the right from after battle formation in the Silver Bowl.



Left - Corporal Kyle Medrano (Company F, 8<sup>th</sup> Louisiana), as any good NCO would/should, leads his men from their encampment for a short time visit at Hank's Hotel at Calico. He noted after this picture was taken it was his 'sister' giving him a good bye and good luck kiss. Odd, there seemed to be 4 or 5 different sized lips on his cheeks.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**March 16-17 - St Cat's** – 15<sup>th</sup> annual event in Anaheim. Mostly living history and answering questions from students from St Cat's and surrounding School Districts. If your unit is anticipating on attending, send me 4 or 5 questions about your unit or state so I can get them added to the

Q&A that is handed out to students attending the event. See article from the Washington Artillery, dealing with activities elsewhere in the newsletter. Location: St. Catherine's School (250 N Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA). It has been great to be a part of the learning experience of such a fine group of boys and their teachers! Early Friday set up after 12 noon is permitted the gates open to the public 0900 hrs on Saturday and Sunday. Battles are scheduled at 1100 and 1400 hrs each day. Camping layout will be the same as last year. Union in the quad and on the field. Confederates on the front lawn. Saturday night raffle and Chili dinner. H'burgers and hot dogs will be on sale by the school for lunch. Restaurants also very

close by! Above the ground fires permitted just have the 'ole bucket of water nearby. Confederate military units contact Jim Tebbetts ([latigerreb@yahoo.com](mailto:latigerreb@yahoo.com)) Union Ken Dacey ([kenbus@aol.com](mailto:kenbus@aol.com)). Sutlers and Civilians contact Paul De Nubilo ([denubilo@roadrunner.com](mailto:denubilo@roadrunner.com)) . First time unit commanders see Paul De Nubilo Saturday before 1600.

**March 16-17 - Picacho Peak, Arizona Territory.** Tom Atkins (Co E, 8<sup>th</sup> La) usually goes and commands a consolidated Confederate unit from South California. Here you can wear your 'yahoo' clothing. Most all Confeds wore their normal frontier Texan clothing; very few had full complete military uniforms. The site has RV hook ups, showers and the like. Event info can be found at:

<http://azstateparks.com/Parks/PIPE/events.html>. More info dealing with general rules and such can be found at: [http://azstateparks.com/volunteer/v\\_historical.html](http://azstateparks.com/volunteer/v_historical.html). Consider carpooling to reduce costs.

Location: Picacho Peak Park, 60 miles south of Phoenix and 40 miles north of Tucson. The park is 'truly' right off the freeway. Figure about 7 Hours of driving, at least from downtown LA.

April 6-7 - Prado Park - Annual event. For those that are ACWS/FTHA/etc members, get in free with your membership card, otherwise it is \$10. Registration fee is \$2. If you are interested in a Full Hook-up RV space or Dry Camping space, please call Prado Park for reservations at (909) 597-4260. Reenactor swap meet at 9am on Saturday. Horse race at 2pm on Sunday. Ladies raffle at 10am on Sunday, after last battle for combatants. There is a contest for 'most authentic' camp, so everyone needs to look good and sharp. Here is a link to other activities going on - S <http://sccwa.com/Pradoupdate11.pdf> et up can be as early as noon on Friday, the 5th. Location: Prado Park, Chino, Ca. (16756 Euclid Ave. - guesstimation)

**April 13-14 - Ft Tejon** - First event of the year at the Fort. Location: Lebec, Ca

**April 20-21 - Fairview Park** - Note new date for event, gets us off Tejon Weekend and Tax Weekend Too. Annual event. Setup can begin after noon on April 19. Two battles each day. It will be held is 2 weeks after Prado and 1 week after Tejon, so it will not conflict with any other events. Please make sure you add this event to your event calendar, you don't want to miss it! Due to openness of the event site, be prepared for Guard/Fire Mount. For those at Calico that took the bridge, AND are over 21, your whiskey ration will be issued. BYOM. Location: Costa Mesa, Ca. (2540 Placentia Ave. - guesstimation)

**150TH GETTYSBURG EVENT** – The event seems to be getting together. From review of the event web site, many permits and permissions have been obtained. The BGA event will be held on the last weekend in June 2013, the 27th through 30th. A second event sponsored by the GAC the next weekend (July 4-7). So there is now a choice of two events to attend. Discussion with most individuals/groups/commanders from South California indicates they will be attending the BGA event. Though a couple may stay over a week and do the GAC event too.

For those going Confederate at the BGA event, and want more information please contact:

Going Infantry - Keith Harriott – [keithharriott@hotmail.com](mailto:keithharriott@hotmail.com); or

James R Tebbetts - [latigerreb@yahoo.com](mailto:latigerreb@yahoo.com)

For those going and falling in with Keith, could you let Jim Tebbetts know so we can begin getting a good number of those attending and falling in with us? Needed to ensure we get a big enough camp site, PLUS, if enough attend we may have a special activity assigned to us. Don't ask, I don't even know. Right now am guessing about 20 or so for sure going, with a possible turn out of about 40.

Going Cavalry (Mounted/Dismounted) - Scott Pica - [m.pecca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.pecca@sbcglobal.net)

Going Artillery - Bob Hays - 760-353-7777

For those wanting to go to the BGA event -

Web Site: <http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com>

Registration Page: <http://cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=9>

Here are a couple of UTube videos of the 135th Gettysburg Reenactment, which took place on the Bushey Farm, where BGA's 150th Gettysburg Reenactment will take place:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIzLUC-wl54>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av2FHRO9lgs>

Here are three sites with stills dealing with the 135th Gettysburg Reenactment.

<http://www.gettysburg.com/livinghistory/pastpics/1998/picindex.htm>

[http://members.tripod.com/cold\\_harbor/gettysburg.html](http://members.tripod.com/cold_harbor/gettysburg.html)

<http://www.3gvi.org/ga3gburg.html>

For those wanting to go to the GAC event –

Web Site: <http://gettysburgreenactment.com/>

Registration Page: <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com/index.htm>

Equipment transport (Rifles, flies, powder, caps) - There are two, and possibly three groups driving back to Gettysburg, this for the BGA event. Contact them if you desire to have your weapons, rounds, and caps sent back. These are:

Ray Daniels- [SgtMajRay@verizon.net](mailto:SgtMajRay@verizon.net);

Mike Walters- [m.walters1@verizon.net](mailto:m.walters1@verizon.net); or

Ken Dacey - [kenbus@aol.com](mailto:kenbus@aol.com)

For those going infantry, if we could get a couple of flies, with 4'-5' poles to go back, it would help with coverage from sun and any rain that might occur. For purposes of this event, figure 150-200 rounds should be made up, packed, and secured to be sent back there. Uniform standards can be found at - <http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com/confederate-authenticity-guidelines.html>.

Battle Reenactments and Times: Thursday: Off Schedule Reenactment – Time and Battle TBD;

Friday: 830-1130-Burford's Stand, Railroad Cut, and McPherson's Ridge. 7-9 - Culp's Hill and East Cemetery Hill; Saturday: 10-11 - Hanover Cavalry Battle. 2-6 - Devil's Den, Little Round Top, Wheatfield, and Peach Orchard; Sunday: 10-noon - East Cavalry Field and 1220 Pickett's Charge.

Other Events: Sunday Church Services: Sunrise Episcopal Church Service at the "Wall;" 8 am Period Catholic Mass officiated by Father Corby in the Irish Brigade camp; with additional church services in the camps to be announced. Misc Stuff of Interest at Speaker's/Events Tent: Music, Authors and Demonstrations. Friday a Ball at 8pm and Saturday a Ball at 8 PM

## 2<sup>ND</sup> KENTUCKY VOLUNTEER CAVALRY REGIMENT, CSA

### A SHORT HISTORY



Regimental colors of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. It was later used by General Basil Duke as the flag of Morgan's Brigade. It was given to Morgan's mother, Henrietta Morgan, after Duke's surrender in Georgia in May, 1865 and was cherished by her until her death in 1891. The flag is now part of the collection of the Filson Club in Louisville, KY. Hoist: 30"; Canton 19" x 19"; 14 Stars, including a KY Star Colors: Stars are white on a blue canton; the outer bars are red, separated by a white center bar. The flag is silk with a silk tape border, and was attached to the pole by two pairs of ties of white silk in gold cord intermixed.

The Second Kentucky Cavalry regiment was formed from the remnants of John Hunt Morgan's cavalry squadron, "The Lexington Rifles" soon after the battle of Shiloh, in early 1862. A native of Alabama, but raised in Kentucky, Morgan was a tall, glamorously attired cavalry officer with French imperial-styled whiskers. His penchant for good Kentucky horseflesh kept him well mounted throughout the war. The Second Kentucky's ranks included farmers, planters, and the First Families of Kentucky, but also a colorful cast of characters. A fiery British soldier-of-fortune, Lt. Col. George St. Leger Grenfell declared, "If England is not at war, then I will go find one!" A wily Canadian-born telegraph operator, Pvt. George "Lightning" Ellsworth could, after moments of listening in, mimic any operators style (hand) and thus mislead pursuing forces. Muster sheets included a band of Kentucky outlaws led by the notorious bushwacker, Capt. Champ Ferguson. Also reported among the Second Kentucky's ranks were Black Mississippi Confederates whom were recruited by John Hunt Morgan, as he felt they were "loyal and fierce fighters". This cavalry unit was noted for being as good fighting dismounted as they were on horseback. The Second Kentucky was most noted for its skill at house-to-house fighting, discipline under fire, and maintaining rearguard actions. John Hunt Morgan would always affectionately regard them as his "Regulars". Morgan's famous Ohio Raid of July 1863 was the longest Confederate cavalry raid of the war, covering more than 1100 miles in about three and a half weeks. However, on this foray, he and most of his



troopers were surrounded and captured. Morgan was imprisoned in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Not long after being locked away, he and some accomplices tunneled out and escaped back to Dixie. It was the Second Kentucky, attached to General Nathan Bedford Forrest that fired the opening and closing shots of the battle of Chickamauga. As the war came to a close the Second Kentucky (re-designated as the Second Kentucky Special Cavalry Battalion) attempted to link up with Gen. Robert E. Lee. In route, and upon hearing of Lee's surrender, the command instead went to Charlotte, North Carolina, joining Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army. While Johnston negotiated surrender with Gen. Sherman, the command elected to join President Jefferson Davis, thus making up the bulk of Davis', (along with the Confederate Treasury's gold) mounted escort. As Federal forces were closing in, Davis dismissed his escort and continued on with a small bodyguard detachment. Upon Davis' capture, it was discovered that 11 of the 12 troopers in his bodyguard were of the Second Kentucky. During its four years of service, the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, of which General John Hunt Morgan was the first Colonel, lost sixty-three commissioned officers killed and wounded; Company A of that regiment, of which Morgan was the first Captain, losing during the war seventy-five men killed. It had on its muster roll, from first to last, nearly two hundred-and-fifty men (not sure if this is for Company A or the Regiment as a whole, am guessing most likely Company A).

## ❧ UNION DIVISION ❧

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Union Division,

I wish to start with congratulating our Division for their performance at Calico. My thanks to all the units and civilians for all their work in making this event perhaps the best Calico I have seen in a while. Now, even though after a hard fight we were beaten back and lost control of the town, the weather was great, and we fielded larger numbers of troops. The number are growing each year due to all of our efforts. We had some more creative battles.

At this past event I made some staffing changes. I transferred David Bolin from Artillery Commander to Division Adjutant and promoted Gary Wear to Artillery Commander. This move will be a great help to myself and our Sgt. Major Mike Degregorio.

For upcoming events, I am asking that any unit or individuals who can, please come out to the St. Catherine's event on March 16-17. On April 6-7 is the Prado Dam event, then later in April we have the ACWS event at Costa Mesa on April 20-21. In May, we have the return to the Wooden Nickel event on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

All Company and Brigade commanders are now tasked with preparing their units and get them marching to the engagements. Thank you for those in attendance and for supporting the ACWS Union Division.

I also want to at this time if you have any concerns, issues or comments please feel free to talk to me either at events or by wireless telegraph.

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

## ❧ Civilian Directors' Report ❧

No Report was submitted for this Newsletter's press times.

We hope to hear from them about the successes they have encountered at our events.

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## ❧ Membership Director's Report ❧

January and February were very busy months with new and renewed memberships, especially the new ones received at Calico. The event at the San Bernardino library was an opportunity to let people know that we exist and enjoy participating in civic events, and it attracted at least one new member. As of this writing we have 238 members, and of these 29 are new to the ACWS.

The ACWS Board has been working actively to provide its members with several events in which to participate. According to the events calendar, the ACWS is either sponsoring or supporting an event every month this year. That is remarkable. And existing members, in turn, have been recruiting new members, and encouraging lapsed members to 'reenlist.' Your enthusiasm for reenacting and the friendly way we approach people helps to increase our numbers and strengthen the organization. Keep up the good work!

Remember, if for any reason you have a question about membership, please contact me. I have been given the responsibility to attend to membership questions, and other board members may not always have the correct information. My contact information is always on the website and at the beginning of the newsletter.

Regards,

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# ~~~~~ Civil War History ~~~~~

## Faithful Companions of the Civil War

As you know, ACWS events are dog-friendly, and many of you are acquainted with Valkyrie Atkins, Maggie Akkerman, and Biscuit Akkerman who comprise our unofficial “Canine Corps.” Just as many people today enjoy the company of pets, Civil War soldiers also found comfort in the friendship they give. Often pets were adopted by entire regiments as mascots. These ranged from a tame black bear to an eagle. During the Maryland Campaign at least three dogs accompanied regiments of the Army of the Potomac as mascots.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers of the First Corps marched through Maryland along with Sallie, a brindle bull terrier given to the regiment in 1861. During battle Sallie could be found on the front line of the regiment providing encouragement to the men, and barking at the Confederates. This she did on September 14 at Turner’s Gap in South Mountain and again on September 17 at Antietam. Sallie survived both battles without harm. Sallie was killed in action by a Rebel bullet at Hatcher’s Run on February 6, 1865.

Another Pennsylvania regiment, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Volunteers of Couch’s Division of the 4th Corps, was accompanied by Jack, a black and white bull terrier. Before the war Jack was the mascot of the Niagara Volunteer Fire Company, and when these men enlisted in the army, they brought Jack along. Earlier in 1862 he had been “captured” at Savage Station, but escaped, only to be wounded at Malvern Hill. Jack is reported to have understood the bugle class of his regiment, and at the battle of Antietam his barking was heard above the sound of battle. After the battle he aided with searching out the dead and wound of his regiment. Following the Maryland Campaign, Jack was wounded twice and captured once again, later being “exchanged” to remain with the 102<sup>nd</sup> until December, 1864.

Perhaps the most dramatic story of a mascot involves the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, the famous “Iron Brigade.” During the summer of 1862 a Newfoundland wandered into camp and was befriended by Captain Werner von Bachelles, who taught him to perform military salutes. At the battle of South Mountain the dog was at his side. In the early morning fighting at Antietam, von Bachelles was struck by several Confederate bullets while leading his Company into battle. Knowing his wounds were mortal, von Bachelles lay in the roadway while his company withdrew.

However, his trusted canine friend refused to withdraw, and remained with him as the Rebels advanced. After the battle, a burial detail found von Bachelles’s body, the Newfoundland who refused to give ground lying dead on top of him. They were buried together with full military honors.

(article from The Sentinel, Volume II, No. 1, Spring 2012. Published by the National Park Service.)



Jack



Sallie

## School programs:

I'm sorry I am late with this information. The ACWS has been asked to do two school programs in the Los Angeles area. The first is on Thursday, March 14 at Huntington Middle School, 1700 Huntington Drive in San Marino. Set up can begin at 7 AM, with our first students arriving about 8:15. They will provide a lunch and \$50 minimum for anyone that can make it. We need Yankee, Confederate, and Civilian. The students have a real interest in Civil War medicine. There are only two classes at a time, so a max of 60 students. I know time is short, but if you are free please help support the ACWS school program.

There is another school program set for the date of Friday, April 12. We are working on the program, and as of yet I don't have an address. We will send out a hotshot when I get all the information.

---Dave Grimsrud

**MEMBERS—The ACWS is a non-profit corporation, and as a volunteer your expenses are tax deductible. Expenses include food, equipment, clothing, and mileage when traveling to events. So, remember to save your receipts and document your travel mileage in order to claim them as a tax deduction when filing your income tax returns.**

## ACWS 2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Event Name	Sponsor	Sponsored or Supported	Location
March 16-17	St. Catherine's Reenactment & Living History	ACWS/WA	Sponsored	Anaheim, CA
April 6-7	Prado Park	SCCWA	Supported	Chino, CA
April 20-21	Fairview Park (Possible Move to this date)	ACWS	Sponsored	Costa Mesa, CA
April 27	ACWS Spring Dance (Tentative)	ACWS	Sponsored	Whittier, CA (tent)
May 4-5	Wooden Nickel	ACWS	Sponsored	Menifee, CA (tent)
May 18-19	Fort Tejon (Spring Invitational?)	FTHA	Supported	Lebec, CA
May 25-27	Vail Lake Spring/Summer Event (Tentative)	ACWS	Sponsored	Temecula, CA
June 27-30	150 <sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reenactment (Preferred Event)	BGA Alliance	Recommended	Gettysburg, PA
July 4-7	150 <sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reenactment	GCA Group	Recommended	Gettysburg, PA
July 6-7	Old Fort MacArthur Days	FMHA	Supported	San Pedro, CA
August 3	ACWS Summer Dance (Tentative)	ACWS	Sponsored	Whittier, CA (tent)
August 17-18	Fort Tejon Invitational	FTHA	Supported	Lebec, CA
September 21-22	Drum Barracks Living History	Drum Brks	Supported	Wilmington, CA
October 5-6	Helendale	ACWS	Sponsored	Helendale, CA
October 12	ACWS Fall Family Dance	ACWS	Sponsored	Woodland Hills, CA
Oct 26-27	Spring Mountain Ranch	ACWS/SNLHA	Sponsored	Las Vegas, NV
December 7-8	Drum Barracks Christmas Theme Event	Drum Brcks	Supported	Wilmington, CA
December 14-15	Vail Lake	ACWS	Sponsored	Temecula, CA
January 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Live Fire Invitational	IVLHA/ACWS	Sponsored	Seeley CA
October 2014	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nevada Statehood	ACWS/SNLHA	Sponsored	SMR, NV

Dates subject to change, but not more than a week or so.



St. Catherine Reenactor Information (Rev. Feb 26, 2013)

**It is our 15th year at St. Catherine!!!!**

**Thank you all for making it happen!**

Date: March 16/17 early arrivals OK on Friday noon.

St. Catherine's Academy  
215 N. Harbor Boulevard  
Anaheim, California 92805

FRIDAY: Grounds open for setup after 12:00 p.m... Sound and sprinkler check. Re-enactor participation in colors. If needed.

#### SATURDAY/SUNDAY

0800 Re-enactors registration open.

0930 Gates open to public

0930 Officers meeting on field

1000 Close camps

1015 Muster for Inspection of troops, with and presentation of VMI Flag  
Verify registration (Weapons inspection?)

1030 Inspection of troops (Cannon fires on raising of flag);  
Cadets leave field followed by Reenactors;  
SCMA Bleacher program (Mrs. Crowley)

Weapons inspection - Away from bleachers to not disturb bleachers program

Union takes defensive position. Be as unobtrusive as possible. Don't disturb bleachers program

Confederates stage as last year near their entry to field

1100 New Market Battle, VMI Ceremony follows

Reenactors take position. 2/3 of field from bleachers. Guide right on Cadets.

VMI memorial ceremony. Lee Grant Lincoln and School Commanders

Band and Cadets march off the field Reenactors follow. Union Brigade leads

Brigades stop in front of bleachers for unit intros and cap off.

SCMA Announces Camps open to public.

Announce Hospital, Cannon. Musket Demonstrations etc.

1330 Officers meeting on field

1400 Muster and weapons inspection. Safety and welcome

1430 Union Battle - Units self-introduction after

Living History Surrender ceremony in planning

1600 Camps close to public Saturday and at 1500 Sunday

1800 Saturday meal. Provided by St. Catherine.

Music, raffle and fireside follows on Saturday only

#### Additional organizations and links of interest:

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>

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

The History Channel Club: [www.historychannelclub.com](http://www.historychannelclub.com)

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If you are a vendor and want to reach every ACWS member 6 times a year and not just at an event, then this could be a cost effective place for you.

You provide the copy and pictures you wish to display. We will be selling space based on the size of your ad and the number of times you run it. You may buy a 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 or even a full page and change the copy each cycle of the newsletter. All art and copy must be sent to the Editor 45 days before the edition in which you want it to be published. Your check for the run of your ad must be received 30 days before the first cycle of the newsletter in which you want it to be published. The editor reserves the right to refuse all or part of an ad, and you will be notified of changes to or if your ad is rejected for publishing.

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Frequency	Full Page Cost/Issue	Half Page Cost/Issue	Quarter Page Cost/Issue	Eighth Page Cost/Issue
1 Issue	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
2 - 5 Issues	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
Year - 6 Issues	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00

For Members wanting to place non-commercial “Want Ads” or “For Sale” ads, there is no charge. Be sure to include a description of the item, sale price, and contact information. So if you have any equipment or clothing that is not being used and is taking up space for new items, take this opportunity to let members know that you have something to sell.

# FOR SALE ITEMS

Items listed in the Jan-Feb 2013 Newsletter were sold because the Ad was placed here.