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COMPANY DISPATCH

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**ACWS Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting
June 14, 2008 11:00 Am**

**Old Spaghetti Factory
11896 Foothill Blvd,
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
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ACWS 2008 Calendar of Events

2008	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 12 Jan 19/20	Grand Ball Live Fire	Mission Inn, Riverside
Feb.2/3	Dickens Fair	Riverside, CA
Feb 16-18	Calico Ghost Town	Yermo, CA
April 19-20	St Catherine's Military School	Anaheim, CA
May 3-4	Wooden Nickel	Menifee, CA
June 7-8	Thousand Trails	Acton, CA
July 4	Support your local 4 th of July event	Reagan Library La Mirada Cabrillo Beach
August 16-17	Ft Tejon Invitational	Fort Tejon CA
Sept. 13-14	Riley's Grand Encampment	Riley's Farm Beaumont, CA
Oct 18	City of La Habra Public Library Living History	La Habra CA
Oct 31-Nov 1	Spring Mountain Ranch	Las Vegas, NV

For additional information on events in and around California, Arizona and Nevada, please visit the Fort Tejon Historical Association's Calendar of Events for 2007
<http://www.forttejon.org/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Prez.

We will be voting on the appointment to the Secretary's position at the next board meeting on June 14. We have three candidates, they must not know the pay is very very low, but the satisfaction is high! Thanks to Roger Price, Ken Dacey and Dave Crichton for stepping up! Ken has been in the ACWS forever and is the commander of a new Union unit, Roger is our artillery coordinator and Confederate Artillery commander and Dave is on the Union staff.

We will get our moneys worth out of who ever is appointed by giving him one more job!

Thanks to my ACWS friends for coming to St Cath's. Their public attendance, despite changing the date was higher than last year. Reenactor participation was a bit lower but it was expected because of the April date. They are moving it back to March. Looks

like they want it on March 1.

Wooden Nickel is coming up, I think we will have another exciting time there, Tom Furman says the marsh is still there but maybe the hot weather we are having will dry it up to just the creek.

I also heard a rumor that Ft Tejon is going to try to get everyone out for their May event before the new rules take place. I haven't been able to confirm it.

If so we will put it on the web page.

Thousand Trails is on for June, call your respective commanders. There will be a Swap meet on one of the days but we have not set the schedule for it. That will be on the web page also.

Don't forget to get your "Support your local 4th of July" event on the web page!

See you at Acton! I have to work on the Wooden Nickel weekend again.

Paul



EDITOR'S NOTES

Just a few words to the ACWS folks. The events are going great and we are off to a wonderful 2008 of reenacting. My husband and I will be heading to Gettysburg for the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in July and we are really looking forward to it. We will be joined by Lt. Col Keith Harriott and about 150 ACWS folks trekking to the fields of engagement in PA. With that being said, my dear husband, David has been practicing to be part of Col. Harriott's infantry unit. It's been a change for him but I think he's doing pretty good, moving from artillery to infantry and changing the uniforms also. He's first attempt was at St. Catherine's Military School this past weekend. I must say he does look good but of course that's me speaking. We look forward to seeing everyone at Wooden Nickel this weekend and at Acton in June. I will be hosting the Ladies' Tea at Wooden Nickel and hope to see all the ladies join us for a very relaxing and enjoyable time.



David Bolin

Thanks and see you all very soon.

Joyce Bolin

MILITARY DISPATCHES

CONFEDERATE MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS:

Gentlemen,

It is time to continue our spring offensives upon those who defile our homes and land. It would appear that our enemy did not quite learn their lesson at the battle of Calico. Our scouts report that they have amassed a considerable force and our marching upon our position at Wooden Nickel Crossroads. With this latest information we will begin to concentrate our forces and prepare for a defensive position around the rocks and high ground of the crossroads. It is my belief that those boys in blue will attempt to drive us from our defensible positions. I am confident that this Legion will be up to the task of driving those invaders back.

To all unit commanders: You will immediately determine the numbers under your command fit for duty and report these numbers along with all requests to the Adjutant, Captain Stidger. All unit commanders are to report to Headquarters upon your arrival on the field no latter than May 3rd. All unit commanders are to insure their commands are ready and prepared for a major engagement with the enemy. All requests must be made to Headquarters in a timely fashion as to allow Headquarters the opportunity to meet your requests.

On a personal note I am very much looking forward to taking the field with all of you again! It has been to long between events to be away from those that I hold so dear. I trust that all of you and your families are well and that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a splendid event. I look forward to seeing all of my friends and extended family at Wooden Nickel. This is going to continue to be an exciting year for all of us and the ACWS!

I want to add that all soldiers (Grey and Blue) who are going to be attending Gettysburg this summer will be required to gather for formal drill at Wooden Nickel. We will be going over specific maneuvers that are commonly used back east to help all of us be better prepared when asked to execute said maneuvers on the field. All soldiers who will need to have their weapons and ammo transported back to Gettysburg should be prepared to drop those off at the conclusion of either Wooden Nickel or Acton with those who will be transporting. There is still time until the end of April to join the 120+ of us who will be traveling back so please get in touch with me if you are interested!

Your Humblest Servant,
Lt. Colonel K. Harriott

MILITARY DISPATCHES

FEDERAL MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS:

My Fellow Union Reenactor -

Just a reminder that the spectacular annual ACWS Wooden Nickel Ranch event is scheduled for May 3 and 4, 2008. This event is open to all reenactors, and is an annual favorite. Visiting units are more than welcome. There will be no cost to participate in this event. I just need to know if you are coming, what size a unit your will be bringing, and how many tents/fly's/cook areas you will be bringing before April 30, 2008. There is ample camp space, but I do need your particulars to make sure we save you the room you need.

This year the Union forces will be camped in the far field past the battlefield. Camps can be established after 1PM on Friday May 2, 2008. However, we ask that you check in with Union Headquarters to get your assigned camp space.

Below is the event schedule:

Orders of the Day -

Friday 2 May 2008

Friday: Set-up day (Make sure you check in with someone from Division Headquarters prior to setting up camp)

11:00 p.m. Picket's on (Individual unit responsibility)

Orders of the Day -

Saturday 3 May, 2008

8:00 a.m. Morning Reports Due to Union Headquarters

8:30 a.m. Company Drill

9:00 a.m. Registration opens for visitors - Set-up completed, all cars out of camp

9:30 a.m. Division Morning Parade-Weapon & card check-Reenactor Swap Meet

10:00 a.m. Camps open to public

10:00 a.m. Division Commanders Meeting (Union and Confederate)

10:20 a.m. Union Officer's call (Bde/Bn/Co Cdr's)

10:45 a.m. Division Formation

11:00 a.m. First Battle

11:30 p.m. Camps open to public - Hospital Demonstration in Union Camp

12:00 p.m. Lunch - 1st Sgts Call @ Division HQ and Ammunition issue

1:00 p.m. Division Commanders Meeting (Union and Confederate)

1:20 p.m. Union Officers Call at Division HQs (Bde/Bn/Co Commanders)

1:50 p.m. Division Formation

2:00 p.m. Second Battle

2:30 p.m. Camps Open to public - Hospital Demonstration in Union Camp

5 p.m. Camps Close

7 p.m. Dance, Public invited, Cock and Pullet gambling hall opens

11 p.m. Picket's start post (Division run) - Tattoo - Camps quiet

**Orders of the Day -
Sunday 4 May, 2008**

8:00 a.m. Morning Reports Due to Division

8:30 a.m. Church Services

9:30 a.m. Division Morning Parade-Weapon & card check-Reenactor Swap meet

10:00 a.m. Camps open to public

10:00 a.m. Company/Battalion Drill if needed

10:00 a.m. Division Commanders Meet (Union & Confederate) - Plan 2 Battles

10:20 a.m. Union Officers Call (Bde/Bn/Company Commanders)

11:50 a.m. Division Formation

11:00 a.m. First Battle

11:30 a.m. Camps open to Public - Hospital Demonstration in Union Camp

12:00 p.m. Lunch - 1st Sgts Call at Division Headquarters

1:30 p.m. Union Officers Call (Bde/Bn/Company Commanders)

2:00 p.m. Second Battle

3:45 p.m. Camps close/Pack up and go home

As you can see we have two battles on Saturday, the Cock and Pullet Pub on Saturday night, a Dance with Tom Atkins doing the calling, and two battles on Sunday. I have been promised that there will be lots of Sutlers at the event.

Please come and join us for another spectacular event. As a reminder I need your attendance reply before April 30, 2008. I look forward to seeing all of you at the event.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson
ACWS Union Division Commander

**SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 2.
HDQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Calif.,
Los Angeles, California, April 20, 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 again. It is apparent from information obtained that the Wooden Nickel Ranch is their intended gathering point for an eventual attack on the town of Menifee. We anticipate three days of battle, and need your participation on May 3 and 4, 1863. With the loss of the Town of Calico the Union cannot, and will not allow, the Confederacy to gain a further foothold in Southern California. By April 29, 1863 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. To address this situation, each unit will be assigned a set space in which to establish camp. 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 of the Wooden Nickel Ranch, 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 you will need your current ACWS card with the proper safety certification.

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 May 2, 1863. Again, we need as many forces as possible to help ward off the impending threat.

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

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER No. 1.
HDQRS. ACWS Union Division. , DEPT. OF Calif.,
Los Angeles, California, April 30, 1863.

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

It has been reported that units of the Confederacy are again preparing to move on and seize the railroad crossing known as Acton pass near the California town of Acton. This cannot be allowed to happen. Directly after the anticipated engagement at Wooden Nickel Ranch you are directed to make plans to head toward Acton. Our combined Union forces will assemble during June 7 and 8, 1863. You will proceed so as not to arrive later than 7:30 am on the morning of June 7, 1863. No later than June 2, 1863 you are to report to either myself or the Adjutant the units, commander rank and name, the number mustering, type and quantity of tentage and approximate time of a leader arrival.

You are to report upon arrival to the Union Division HDQRS, and locate either myself or my designated Headquarters Staff Member (the Adjutant is temporarily on leave). It may be advisable to arrive on location as early as June 6, 1863 and in phases so as not to alert the Confederate force to the arrival of Union forces.

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



A Challenge Issued

Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Harriott, the ACWS Confederate Commander, has publicly stated that he firmly believes the Confederate Base Ball “team” can beat the Union Base Ball team. In answer to that boastful statement, I must resoundingly answer in the negative. I must further reply that the Union Base Ball team will be victorious in any occurrence of this gentlemanly game.

To settle this dispute, Lt. Colonel Harriott and I will be issuing a truce in the battle on Saturday Afternoon at during the Acton engagement on June 7, 2008, At that time a period correct Base Ball game will be conducted (subject to the ACWS Base Ball rules).

I require all Union soldiers of sound mind and body to answer this call, and to help me face this challenge. If you are interested in helping me trounce the Confederate team on the playing field, please be on the field at 4:00 PM.

**Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson
ACWs Union Division Commander**

SPIES??? WHERE? HOW?

April 20, 1863
Richmond, Virginia

My Dear Mrs. Greenhow,

Miss Charlotte and I were delighted to receive your recent letter describing the horticultural developments in the gardens of Washington City. I have passed on your letter to President and Mrs. Davis, and hope to replicate some of the hybrid plants you described here in our own capital. In the meantime, we are arranging a trip for you to England and France to obtain new seedlings. More information and details later.

Your Devoted Servant,

HENRI G. BEAUCHET
Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs, CSA

Mssr Beauchet,

The First Lady is very interested in plants, and with anything from Paris. Thank you for including us in the correspondence sir. We must keep an eye on whatever the Aggressors are up to, including horticultural experimentation, just to insure they are not pursuing some biological device to gain an undue advantage over our forces.

Your most grateful servant,

Jefferson Davis

CSA

April 1863
Paris France

My dearest friends

Although I am surrounded by such gracious ladies, gentlemen and dignitaries of great importance, I must say I do miss my homeland and especially Virginia. I have spoken with heads of state and I am assured they will help our cause at some point in time. Please believe when I say that I have had contact with my sources in Washington that have made it quite plain that the gathering of the many forces at Wooden Nickel are accumulating as we speak. Please be aware and take the appropriate measures to safeguard our sons in grey.

With warm regards RG

CIVILIAN CHATTER

Hello ACWS Civilians:

PAST EVENTS:

It was great seeing so many of you at St. Catherine's Military Academy in Anaheim on April 19-20, 2008. The Ladies tea was great. Thank you, Maritza Torres for hosting such a lovely event. The nuns and guest reenactors really enjoyed it. I am sorry I was not as available as I should have been, but my mother-in-law was ill and we were called away on Sunday morning to help her and the family with her passing. Thank you all for your kind words and prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The event at the Wooden Nickel Ranch in Menifee is just around the corner on May 3-4, 2008. If you are planning to camp in the civilian camp area, you need to sent me your space needs, i.e. how many tents, flies, etc. and their size. So far I have received notification for 8 wall tents with flies, 2 A-frame tents with flies, and 3 flies. If you do not let me know, then I cannot guarantee you space to set up your tent or fly. The Ladies Soldier's Friends Society of Columbus GA will be attending and will be doing their "Donations for Home" presentation. A group of ladies with their hand-crank sewing machines will be gracing the porch of the Saloon. The Displaced Kentuckians are planning to attend. Displays of weapons and information about various generals are also planned. There is a Children's Social planned for Saturday, so if you have children please come join us as we play with period toys. A beginners crocheting class is also scheduled. We will be making a small reticule. Bring your own crochet thread or yarn, in the color you desire, and a hook. There will be some crochet tread/yarn and hooks available for a

small donation to ACWS. Don't forget to bring your tea



cups, as Ms. Joyce Bolin will be hosting the Ladies Tea on Saturday. A dance and the Cock & Pullet Gaming House and Saloon are planned for Saturday night. We will be needing volunteers for crowd control and the bucket brigade for the battles on Saturday and Sunday. Shelley Peters has offered to narrate a historical clothing demonstration. It was taken off the schedule, but I will try to get it back on. If you would like to help by being a model, please contact Shelley at the event.

Then before you know it the reenactment at the Thousand Trails in Acton on June 6-8, 2008 will be here. There will be an opportunity at this reenactment to sell/trade your slightly used clothing, camping equipment, etc. at the marketplace (swap meet). I am looking for someone to volunteer to host the Ladies Tea and narrate the historical clothing presentation.

A period baseball game is scheduled and hopefully the ladies will be able to play some croquet. If you have some croquet equipment that can be used, please let me know. Also there was some talk of ladies making period bathing clothes to take advantage of the pool! How are those plans coming along, please let me know. There will be a dance on Saturday night, along with the Cock & Pullet Gaming House and Saloon. There are a lot of exciting new ideas that I am looking forward to seeing how they turn out.

SAFETY TESTING:

To help keep our insurance rates low, all ACWS members need to pass safety tests. Civilian ACWS members need to take only one test, The General Safety Test. Copies of the test and the rules can be found on the ACWS website. The test is open book, all the answers can be found in the rules. You may print out the test and take it in the comfort of your home, or I will have the tests available at the reenactments. After completing the test, sign it, turn it in to me, it will be graded, and then your ACWS membership card will be stamped. You need only to take this test once for the year and after the year, only when there have been changes to the rules/tests. For the ladies that are in the military camps, if you have already taken this test and have your membership card stamped, you do not need to take the test again. Just show me your stamped membership card.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me. I am looking forward to seeing you at Wooden Nickel.

Donnalee Simmons,
ACWS, Civilian Corps Director
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

FOR A CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY EVENT TO PORTRAY

THE *DREADFUL UNCERTAINTY* OF LIFE IN AN 1863

BORDER TOWN TWIXT NORTH & SOUTH

WHERE NO ONE KNOWS IF THE NEXT MILITARY UNIT TO RIDE THROUGH TOWN WILL BE UNION OR CONFEDERATE; WHERE LADIES SMUGGLE CONTRABAND UNDER THEIR HOOPS; WHERE MERCHANTS SELL THEIR WARES TO ANYONE WITH MONEY; WHERE DECENT PEOPLE TRY HARD TO MAKE A LIVING, AND RAISE THEIR FAMILIES; A TOWN WHERE BANDS PLAY, PREACHERS PREACH AND DANCES ARE SPECIAL EVENTS. QUICK! HIDE YOUR DAUGHTERS & YOUR CHICKENS, HERE COME FORAGERS!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2008 10 AM TO 3 PM

EL CENTRO PARK LA HABRA CA (ORANGE COUNTY)

(Featuring grass lawns, shade, restrooms, free paved parking)

Calling all military units, bands and musicians, sutlers, nurses, telegraphers, aeronauts, politicians, reporters, doctors, cooks, photographers, abolitionists, seamstresses, sanitary commission volunteers, laundresses, craftspersons, generals, presidents and first ladies, quilters, reverends, wives, town belles, school marms, vivandieres, spies, snake oil salesmen, dance callers, refugees, demonstrators of flags, weapons and historical objects and processes in general. All preregistered impressionists will be assigned a slot on the event schedule!

This Living history event is co-sponsored by the ACWS, the city of La Habra, the Orange County Public Library, La Habra branch library, in partnership with the La Habra and Lowell Joint School Districts.

SAVE THE DATE! Further details forthcoming later in the year.
To volunteer, or for more information, contact Robinyoung@earthlink.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Are you interested in writing articles or doing research for the Company Dispatch Newsletter? Are you a civilian reenactor looking for something to do during our events? Our Civilian Corp needs bucket brigade folks to help during events and crowd control during the battles. Get involved with your membership to the ACWS. We have a need for soldiers and civilians to help with the Membership Booth and the Recruitment Booth during events.

YOU ARE NEEDED!!

Contact Donnalee Simmons, Civilian Corp Director

Joyce Bolin, PR Director/Editor

Debbie Bogdan, Membership Director.

Everyone can help.

GET INVOLVED.

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

Sponsored by the
American Civil War Society
May 3 and 4, 2008

At
Wooden Nickel Ranch
25690 Holland Road
Menifee, CA92584

Two battle re-enactments at
11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily
North & South Civil War encampments
Hear the cannon fire, smell the gunpowder
Visit our Civilian Town, Fashion Shows, Ladies Tea,
Period Dance Sat Night and much more.

For Directions

Visit us online at:

http://www.acws.net/wooden_nickel.html

CLASSIFIEDS

Oh my gosh I need to replace some of my reenacting stuff.
Maybe I need a new tent or cooking gear.....where do I look and
who might have something to sell or trade?

Have something you need to sell trade or buy???

List it in this section today.

Contact Joyce Bolin

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Our Armed Forces Day event will be on May 17th from 2:00 to 7:00 pm
We will have various displays ie:

Active Duty Military Personnel and Equipment

Special Military Operations Equipment

Vintage Car Club

"Black Sheep" Christian Motorcycle Club

Jumpers for children

Bar-B-Que

School Building Tours

Possibly

- There is this 66 Nova that makes appearances around the U.S. that is a
memorial to the military..... (I'm not exactly sure about this because my
admin assistant working on this one We will have a student choir and an adult
choir singing We may have a color guard.....looking for one right now....

We may have senior ranking officer to open the evening concert

The reenactors could set up before 2:00 pm and if they wanted to move around
the grounds to the various displays that would be fine.

This is our first year to do something like this so it is developing as we
speak Hopefully there will be more development as a result of our Tuesday
night meeting....

Again thanks for your support and the support of the reenactors

Rob McDowell

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ST. CATHERINE'S MILITARY SCHOOL REVIEW







Recipes are for 12" diameter, 4" deep (baking) Dutch ovens. I like to line my Dutch oven with two layers of heavy duty foil just to make clean-up easier. I always use Kingsford Charcoal briquettes for consistency. Use 15 on the top and 10 on the bottom to produce about a 350 degree oven. All recipes below have cooking times based on this configuration.



Beef cakes are frequently a breakfast dish. Any other cold fresh meat may be prepared in the same manner.

BEEF CAKES – Take some cold roast beef that has been under-done, and mince it very fine. Mix with it grated bread crumbs, and a little chopped onion and parsley. Season it with pepper and salt, and moisten it with some beef-dripping and a little walnut or onion pickle. Some scraped cold tongue or ham will be found an improvement. Make it into broad flat cakes, and spread a coat of mashed potato thinly on the top and bottom of each. Lay a small bit of butter on the top of every cake, and set them in an oven to warm and brown.

Sausage and Sweet Taters

2 Lbs Sweet Taters
 1/2 C. sugar
 1/2 C. brown sugar
 1/4 C. water
 2 tbps. butter
 1 tsp. salt
 1 Lb. of your favorite sausage

Parboil the sweet potatoes for 15 minutes. Peel and cut into strips. Place in greased oven. Mix sugars, butter, salt, water and boil in a sauce pan. Pour syrup over the potatoes and bake for around 40 minutes. Place sausages on top and bake for and additional 30 minutes



THE CAMP-FIRE BEFORE THE GREAT WAR



Indian Bread

1 quart buttermilk
1 quart cornmeal
1 quart coarse flour
1 cup molasses
a pinch baking soda
a pinch salt

Mix ingredients together and bake over a wood fire.

There are many tales about cooking on the battlefields of the American Civil War. Although the Civil War is a dark period in the nation's history, many of America's most loved and treasured foods come from recipes creatively developed by both Union and Confederate soldiers. A very famous example of Civil War cooking is the Southern favorite, "the Hush puppy".

As the Civil War waged, the Confederate army was losing necessary supply lines as part of the Union army's tactics. As a result, the Confederate army was forced to rely on what nature provided at the particular time and location for their Civil War cooking. As corn is a readily available and abundant American cash crop, the Confederate army found themselves using corn in most of their meals. The Hush Puppy, an example of Civil War cooking, is cornmeal formed into a solid ball, seasoned with various spices and could be easily deep fried in a pan over an open fire. Hush Puppies were also small and portable and would stay fresh for several days. There were many other dishes prepared under

similar circumstances during the course of Civil War cooking. However, the hush puppy is one of the most popular items derived from Civil War cooking because many restaurants and soul food establishments offer hush puppies on their menu throughout the south.

Of course, the name "hush puppy", in itself is a bit puzzling. There's a bit of history from civil war cooking which explains this as well. There were many hound dogs in the service of the confederate army. At night, particularly when the Union and Confederate army camped close to one another, there was an attempt to maintain a good deal of quiet. However, hounds and puppies are known to bark and yelp. In an effort to silence them, Confederate soldiers would toss the corn balls to the dogs and proclaim "hush puppies!"

The hush puppy and its place in civil war cooking is a good example of how the soldiers made use of valuable nutrition while lending insight as to the conditions faced on the battlefield

Serving Size: 10

1 cup self-rising flour
1 cup cornmeal
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 egg
1 1/2 cups buttermilk - or as needed
1 medium onion -- chopped fat -- for deep frying

Sift together flour, cornmeal, salt, and soda. Add egg and buttermilk until it's the right consistency to hold its shape when rolled into a ball. Mix in onion, roll into balls about 1 to 2 inches across and drop in deep hot fat. Fry until they're brown and crispy. Let them drain a bit on some paper and serve hot.



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My name is Jim Nance and I am a portrait sculptor who works in Loveland Colorado. As a lifelong admirer of Abraham Lincoln, I have created many Lincoln sculptures as well as a color print of a Lincoln Alexander Gardner photograph, which I sell on my website www.abrahamlincolnartgallery.com <<http://www.abrahamlincolnartgallery.com/>>.

The site offers a considerable amount of Lincoln research material, including free downloadable photographs from the Library of Congress, essays, and helpful links for Lincoln research. Primarily due to these free resources, I receive approximately 2,000 hits a day, most from students, and subsequently enjoy a high ranking with Google search engines. Over the years, I have donated a considerable amount of my income from this site to Lincoln projects and organizations.

Soledad Canyon Preserve

Civil War Reenactment

June 7th-8th, 2008

Saturday 7th

10:00 A.M.....Camps open to public.....W.E.
11:30.....Saturday's first battle.....W.E.
1:00 P.M....Ladies historical clothing demonstration.....F.L.P.
2:00.....Second battle.....W.E.
3:00.....Ladies tea time..... F.L.
4:00.....Period Baseball game..... W.E.
5:00.....Camps closed to public
7-10.....Period family dance.....F.L.
7-10.....Cock & Pullet gambling.....F.L.

Sunday 8th

9:00 A.M.....Reenactor Church service.....F.L.P.
10:00.....Camps open to public
10:00.....Reenactor Market Place.....F.L.P.
10:00.....Kids Social meet at Civilian Camp
11:00.....Sunday's first battle.....W.E.
1:30 P.M.....Sunday's second battle.....W.E.
3:00.....Camps closed to public

Admission

General Public Adult: \$5.00

General Public Teen(13-17): \$3.00

General Public under 12 free (w/ paying adult)

Students: Free w/valid Ca. School ID and paying adult

Recreation Director: Jesus J. Barreto

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Schools, Boy Scouts, R.O.T.C., Young Marines and other youth groups
call for community service work force.

Camping for this special event call our Super Host Dept. at : 661 269-7022

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