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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

The first quarter of this year has been incredibly busy for Civil War reenacting. The new field for the Costa Mesa event turned out really well and gave us all something to do over the next week. And that was picking the wild oat stickers from our gear. The weather was great, that cool breeze from the ocean was nice.

The down side was that we hardly made expenses even with all the work from the 2nd Cav ladies, A big thank you from all of us for the work you did!!!! Scot Peca did a great job as the event coordinator and was able to coax a lot of concessions from the City. One of the biggest was the use of the field and adding horses. But another downside, we may have to pay for the reseeding of the picket area. Oh well Live and learn!

Boy we sure had plenty of Union there thanks to Scot Harrington and the Union Army of the West. You couldn't throw a biscuit and not hit at least two of them!

June has no ACWS event but we will be on for Acton again next June. They have marketing money problems (who doesn't) so we are planning a scaled down version that will fit their budget.

Do not forget to send in your 4th of July projects to Joyce so she can advertise them for you. Our next ACWS event is in September back at the OERRM! There have been some changes there, it seems like one of those "We are in

your neighborhood blacktopping driveways" outfits sold them on paving a batch of the area we used for the battlefield. Ken Dacey is working on planning the battles so that it will work out. The date right now is September 18-19. I say right now because they are thinking about the next weekend because the steam engine will be there for us. A new coordinator from OERRM has been assigned and we will be working with her and we will keep you informed. So pencil in the 18th and 19th for a return to OERRM!

Get your quarters together for the annual Las Vegas trip to the SMR event. Now is your chance to win some "incentive money" from the Casinos! Friday October 30 is set up day and this year Nevada admission day is on Saturday!

November 12-14 is the celebration at Prado for the Boy scouts 100th anniversary. They are asking for a one day program on Saturday but you can stay all weekend if you like. Yeah I know, the same weekend as Moorpark. They would like a school day on Nov 11 also. Let's see what we can do. We won't be around for the next 100th!!

MORE PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLING

Welcome to Dave Grimsrud as our new ACWS Board of Director's Secretary. No, he does not sit on my lap and bring coffee. This position is an executive position and Dave will be the keeper of all knowledge and corporate filing

schedules.

A special **thank you** to Carol Hurley for also volunteering for the slot. She said she would come through if we could not find some one willing to do all the executive type stuff.

We still have a big vacancy for the Civilian Corps Director! This is an important position if we want to keep our families involved.

Ken Dacey is going to double as Union Commander and Membership until we get a volunteer and Dave Crichton will stay on as VP.

The next General Board meeting will be at Ft Mac. at 1145 a.m. in the Washington Artillery camp. If you wish to attend bring a chair and your lunch. The meeting will begin with member input. Please bring us your ideas, comments even complaints.

Paul





MITILARY DISPATCHES

CONFEDERATE COMMAND:

20 May, 2010

Men,

Where were you at Costa Mesa? Maj. Peca worked very hard to set up a grand event and most of you missed it! He had the battlefield moved to a much better location an not under the seating of a football stadium, but n the back area we were wanting to use last year. We had special guests, the Union Army of the West which included once long time ACWS units the 2nd US Cavalry and the 69th New York Infantry. To the UAOW thank you for coming and we hope you a good time. We hope to see you again. The reason for this type of message is the Federal Army mustered 90 plus men, we did not muster 40 men total. We had great numbers at Calico, minimal numbers at Blythe and as bad at Costa Mesa. Gentlemen, you have been asking for more events, and we have worked hard to get good events. We are improving the events we already have, Costa Mesa is a very good example. I have been asked to represent you in the ACWS Board meetings and I do my best, you can ask other board members. For this group to be successful, you have to show to events, we have to back each other, unit to unit, brigade to brigade, top to bottom of our division. You claim to be ACWS units and for me to represent you better I need you at events. We have an event in September at OERM. I know OERM is a popular place to eliminate

Yankees. We also have Spring Mountain Ranch in Las Vegas. We need to show up at these events in force, we need to assert our dominance over our foe. I know for a fact (or believe) Southern California Confederates are amongst the best in the world. We need to show it! I would like to welcome back the Sussex Light Dragoons. They came to Costa Mesa and did extremely well! Thank you for coming and supporting us. For those who did show up at Costa Mesa, you could not have made me more proud to lead you folks. We did extremely well. The Washington Artillery provided some exemplary accuracy, the Cavalry did well skirmishing and hitting the flanks, and the infantry proved to be unstoppable. The we ended up taking a small set back on the Federal removal from South California, we held our ground and will continue later. I have a feeling they are not going anywhere. I also have been rolling rounds and have more than enough to make for the back events. I probably have enough for the remainder of the year. The issues go as follows, 8 to 11 men you get 10 rounds for the day. 12 and up you get 20 rounds per day.

I am proud to represent you and am your servant:
Lt. Col. Shawn Stidger



Col Stidger,

On My arrival to Costa Mesa Town on May 14. I set up defense measures to defend the area from the Federal advance from the West. I sent out scout details to find the Federal advance Force. On May 15 per your order my Mounted and Dismounted advanced on the Federal line at 1:30 in the afternoon and pushed the Federal line with help from your Infantry. Major Collins found a high ridge to place his guns and gain a superior position over the Federals. As the battle progressed half of my command was lost due to the presence of the Federal Gatling gun. We however out flanked the Federals and pushed them off the Field. I returned to camp for resupply of ordinance, and await the Federal counter attack. The Federals did counter attack 3:30 and my Brigade suffered heavy casualties. I was forced to retreat from the field. It was reported to me the Federals won the day.

May 16 found my Brigade ready to counter attack the Federals. I planned to use both Mounted and Dismounted in a combined mass attack on The Federal right flank. We charged through the mustard grass with 2nd Kentucky and the Sussex Dragoons. We were again pushed back. The 2nd attack along with our Infantry were pushed back again. The federals attacked our gun line but were destroyed by Mr. Collins and his artillery on the high ridge. With our Infantry and Cavalry numbers low it was best we retreat to other ground and carry on the fight.

I remain at your service,
Lt. Col. Peca



UNION DIVISION:

To the rank and file, and Civilians of the Union Brigade.

I wish to inform you all that I am now the new ACWS Union Commander. As many of you know, I have been a member of the ACWS since 1997. I wish to work with all of you in making our Federal Brigade stronger in all categories, but for that to happen I need your help. That being said, I would like input from you, the company commanders and civilian leaders within our brigade, in areas that we may need to work on. Think about it and let me know.

Here is my staff at this time.

Union Division:

Division Commander– Lt.. Col. Ken Dacey

Adjutant – TBD

Infantry Brigade - Sgt Major Michael Quinlan (Degregorio)

Artillery Brigade Cdr . – Maj. David Bolin

Artillery Adjutant – Vacant

Division Chaplain – Rich Holt and Anthony Delgadillo

Cavalry - Vacant

Upcoming Events

I would like to find out what we can pull it together as a Federal Brigade to offer our services for the Long Beach event on July 31- Aug 1.

We have an event that is in the planning stages for Aug 7-8 in Norco,

We will put one together for the Huntington Beach event.

We also have the renewed event at the Orange Empire Railroad Museum in September 18-19, 2010 follow by SMR in Las Vegas NV on Oct. 30-31.

And finally if there is enough interest, the Moorpark event a couple of weeks later in Nov.

Y.O.S.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Dacey

ACWS Union Commander

ACWS Calendar of Events 2010/2011

July 9-10, 2010	Fort MacArthur Civil War Days	San Pedro CA	
July 17-18, 2010	Duncan Mills	Duncan Mills CA	
July 31 – Aug 1, 2010	Long Beach	El Dorado Reg Park Long Beach CA	Richmond Howitzers
August 7 & 8, 2010	Norco Valley Fair Civil War Event	Norco, CA Raahauge Shooting Park	City of Norco
August 15, 2010	FTHA Invitational	Fort Tejon, CA	FTHA
September 4-5, 2010	Huntington Beach	Huntington Beach, CA	ACWS Battalion in Support
Sept 18-19, 2010	OERRM	Perris CA	ACWS Sponsored
October 2-3, 2010	Kearney Park	Fresno CA	
October 30-31, 2010	SMR	Spring Mountain Ranch Las Vegas NV	ACWS Sponsored SNLHA Sponsored
Nov 13-14, 2010	Boy Scout Jamboree 100th Anniversary	Prado Park	ACWS supported
Nov 13-14, 2010	Moorpark	Tijera Ranch Moorpark CA	Rotary Club Sponsored
Nov 19-21, 2010	We Make History	Queen Creek AZ	
January 9, 2011	ACWS Ball	Mitten Bldg. Redlands CA	ACWS Sponsored
February 19-21, 2011	Calico Ghost Town	Calico, CA	ACWS Sponsored

March 27-28, 2011	St. Catherine's Military School	Anaheim CA	Washington Artillery Sponsored and ACWS supported
April 1-3, 2011	Prado	Prado Regional Park San Bernardino Cty	ACWS Battalion in Support
May , 2011	Battle of Costa Mesa	Costa Mesa, CA	ACWS sponsored

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

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

NCWA www.ncwa.org

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

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

SAY "HI" TO OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY



Hello everyone, my name is David Grimsrud. I have been a re-enactor for 6 years. Currently I am 1st Sgt in Co F 8th Louisiana. I was recently elected to the office of Secretary. I am looking forward in working with the Board to build the ACWS better than ever. My wife and I have been together for 34 years and we live in Littlerock, California with 22 dogs and 2 horses. I am always open to new ideas. Members make the ACWS work.

Your Rifle Cleaning Needs:

By Corp. Dawn Beresovoy.
2nd Florida Infantry. Co. I " Hamilton Blues"

It is important not only for safety that we each take care of our rifles. Though everyone has their own way of cleaning their gun there are a few things you can do to make sure it is done properly to insure your weapon will not only function properly and last a long time, but also pass inspection. If you do not yet own your own gun, but borrow one on a regular basis now is the time to get your kit together. The first thing you should do is getting together a good cleaning kit OF YOUR OWN. Below is a list of several items that are almost mandatory for your personal cleaning kit.

1. **A cleaning rod.** You can purchase a good quality-cleaning rod from G & M Mercantile at most events. Gary Wear usually has all of the attachments to fit the rod at every event. It doesn't hurt to email him to make sure he brings one if you need to buy one.
<http://www.gnmmercantile.com/Welcome.html>
2. **The Proper attachments.** Some cleaning rods have male ends, while others maybe female ends. Make sure your attachments fit your rod AND your gun.
 - a. Most of you have .58 weapons need .58 attachments and .54 need .54 attachments.
 - b. Consider a scraper attachment for those times when you really need to clean out the heavy gunk.
 - c. A good handle. Plastic handles tend to break so think about a metal handle.
 - d. A worm. This will help you remove the occasional patch that gets stuck in the barrel.
3. **Patches.** Wal-Mart used to carry cheap patches but I have been unable to find them. If you own a gun, you need patches. May I suggest buying a yard of fabric and cutting it yourself? Always bring more then you need. I have been buying large bags of patches (1000) from my local gun store for about \$15.
4. **A Pair of scissors.** You can use the scissors to cut patches that might be too large to use. Not to mention the many other needs for good pair of scissors.
5. **A pair of pliers.** You may need this to help remove a stuck cleaning rod or nipple. I have a pair of needle nose pliers and regular pliers.
6. **A Box to bring all of this stuff in.** I use a fishing tackle box. It has dividers to help keep things organized. It can also be locked.
7. **A nipple wrench.** Every cleaning kit needs one of these. In fact it might be a good idea to have two, as one tends to walk off.
8. **Nipple Pick** A needle works OK, as does a paperclip. BUT a nice nipple pick will last a lifetime. Again, having two is a good idea.
9. **Gun oil.** This helps prevent rust and you will need this to polish your barrel and brass. Motor oil works as well as Gun oil.
10. **Steel Wool.** This, with a drop of gun oil, polishes your barrel, brass and it removes rust without damaging the bluing. (Don't push too hard or it can remove bluing and browning.)
11. **Linseed Oil.** Rubbing this into your stock helps keep your stock supple and nice looking. (Paul Killian's rifle, of the 1st Louisiana Tigers, is a perfect example of a well taken care of stock. Nice job Paul.) This is TOXIC so use outdoors or in a well-ventilated area and be sure to wash your hands well after use. To use: place a few drops onto the stock and rub firmly with the palm or your hand until it gets warm.
12. **A small, empty container** to hold the nipple in while cleaning the gun. I use an old medicine bottle.
13. **Screwdrivers.** Bring a few different ones. A flathead, Phillips and several small, like glasses repair kit screwdrivers. I use these little ones to clean out the flash-pan.

14. **Q-Tips**. Dipping them in solvent really helps removing the black powder from the flash-pan.
15. **An old toothbrush**. This will come in very handy in cleaning those hard to reach places around the nipple.
16. **Old rags**. These are great to have in your kit for clean up and for wiping excess oil or other things off your rifle.
17. **A rifle tampion**. This is a GREAT item to have to help keep your barrel free of dirt, moisture and other things.
18. **A funnel** This is great to have to help pour solvent or water down your barrel. Really helps. Make sure you get one that will fit your barrel.
19. **A gun sock**. This really helps to protect your gun over night, between events, during transportation AND it is a great place to store your cleaning rod too!
20. **Solvent**. Yes, some may want to use hot water. That is your choice. I recommend either Hopps 9 Gun cleaning solvent or the BEST solvent: Sooper Dooper Cooper Solvent. Many thanks to Tonja Cooper of the 1st Louisiana Tigers for providing us with the formula. Here is the recipe:
1 Part Murphy's Wood Soap. 1 Part Hydrogen Peroxide and 1 part rubbing alcohol.

I buy 64 ounces of the peroxide and alcohol and 32 ounces of the Murphy's and use couple of gallon jugs to mix it all and to store it. Then I simply pour the mixture back into the alcohol and peroxide bottles for travel. Making such a large amount should last you for many, many events. Cost: <\$10

If you own a gun, these items, or most of them, should come with you to every single event. We all know that sometimes we forget things. That is OK. BUT, you need to have these things in order to keep your rifle in good working order. It isn't fair to expect others to bring and finance the cleaning of YOUR rifle or rifles. BEWARE! as someday they may not bring enough for themselves AND YOU an YOU will not be able to clean your rifle Please, please, please everyone needs to bring their own supplies. Remember, if you have a fresh fish and they are borrowing a rifle from someone else it is still YOUR responsibility to get the borrowed rifle clean so make SURE you bring enough supplies for your fresh fish or friend. Do not expect the rifle owner to supply you or your fish or friend with cleaning supplies. Even if you do not own a gun yet, but borrow one on a regular basis, get your supplies together now. If you fall in with other units, those units are not responsible for cleaning your gun. Come prepared.

HOW TO CLEAN A GUN PROPERLY:

1. Use a patch or nipple stopper to block the hole on the nipple. Ride the hammer down.
2. Pour about $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup solvent (see above) into barrel. (Use a funnel to prevent the solvent from running onto the wood stock) If some solvent runs onto the stock simply wipe off with a rag.
3. Placing your thumb over the end of the barrel, rock the gun back and forth several times ensuring that the solvent has reached ever inch of the inside of the barrel. Give the solvent a few minutes to work!
4. Pour out solvent and repeat step three as needed until solvent comes out clear.
5. Once the solvent comes out pretty clear, remove nipple covering and nipple.
6. Place nipple into small container that has some solvent already in it, such as an old medicine bottle or cup. Allow the solvent to clean the nipple while you finish the rest of your gun. (The reason that removing the nipple before using a cleaning rod is important is because it will eliminate suction and thus make the cleaning rod easier to remove as you clean.
7. Clean out the flash pan. Use Q-tips that have been dipped in solvent to help break down the black powder. Take a small screwdriver or other tool and break out the residual powder. This takes a few Q-tips and time. Don't rush it. Remember, you should see metal down in that hole, not black powder.

8. Clean off any residual fouling or black powder from around the nipple area and from on top of the barrel. I use a tooth brush or a bit of well-oiled stainless steel.
9. Using a quality-cleaning rod, NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER A RAMROD! Place one patch over the end of your barrel and push down. Turn the cleaning rod only clockwise! NEVER counter clockwise, as this will remove the cleaning tip right off the cleaning rod. Twist the cleaning rod a few times and remove. Repeat as many times as needed until the patches come out CLEAN.
10. Once the barrel is clean, place another patch through the gun that has a liberal amount of gun oil on it. This is to lubricate and protect your gun from rust.
11. Remove nipple from solvent and thoroughly clean. Use a nipple pick or paperclip to make sure the nipple hole is clear. Oil the threads on the nipple with oil and replace. Use your hand to gently thread the nipple into place and gently, gently tighten with the nipple wrench.
12. Using well-oiled steel wool, remove any rust or debris from the barrel. Again, do not push too hard as you can easily remove bluing or browning.
13. Place a few drops on linseed oil onto your stock. Rub firmly into the wood until it becomes warm. Use liberally, but make sure you avoid getting the linseed on the wood stock. Wipe extra oil off with a clean rag.
14. Remove ramrod from its place and clean off any rust with the well oiled steel wool. Replace ramrod.
15. If you have a tampon, place it into the barrel.
16. Put on the gun sock, or wrap rifle in a dry blanket and store in a dry and secure location. Secure your cleaning rod with your rifle.
17. Clean up your mess! Do not toss the used patches or Q-tips into a fire pit as when they burn they will produce hazardous fumes.
18. THERE IS NO NEED TO FIRE A CAP after cleaning. All that does is put corrosives back down a clean barrel. It is not required and should be avoided. Remember, we will cap off at the beginning of formations anyway!

Now, you might think this is a ridiculous ritual, but I can tell you, if you follow these steps, your rifle will not only pass inspection every single time, but your gun will remain in a 'brand new' state for the life of the gun. I know it looks like the above process is extremely time consuming. It is not. I can clean my rifle from start to finish in about 7 minutes while using only about 5-6 patches. There is NO NEED to remove the lock plate to clean inside. I do this only about once a year. We are not using live ammunition so it is not critical to remove the lock plate but once or twice a year. DO NOT REMOVE LOCK PLATE at all if you do not know how to put every little piece back together on the inside! NEVER remove your lock plate at an event unless something breaks on the inside, and you are extremely well versed in the interior workings of a rifle. If you need lock plate work done at an event, ASK SOMEONE WITH EXTREME KNOWLEDGE.

Now I know many of you might disagree with the methods listed above. These specific instructions came from Cecil Edwards, a MASTER GUN SMITH, 30 year Marine Corp Veteran, Award winning Marine Corp Marksman, Olympic Shooting Team member and honorary member of the 2nd Florida Infantry. Trust me, he knows what he is talking about! I have used these methods religiously for 8 years and my stock looks brand new, no cracks or repairs, my barrel is clear of rust and pitting and my browning is still intact. In fact, Keith Harriot even once complimented me by saying, "Your rifle is always the cleanest of the brigade". THAT is a compliment in my book.

2 June, 2010
My fellow re-enactors:

We had a grand Memorial Day weekend. It was full of great joy and service to our military. The smiles we had were genuine and all had a great time. What did we do you may wonder. We started off the weekend on Saturday late morning by volunteering to do some living history and help serve lunches at the Jerry Pettis VA Hospital in Loma Linda. I arrived about 10am to some fellows waiting. They had small set ups for ambiance, though we did not spend much time there. The people in charge of event were starting to grill hamburgers and hot dogs for our veterans. When the meals were ready there were plenty of people in line. We had another job to do. We were talking to some of the veterans and re-assigned ourselves to serve lunches to those inside the hospital that could not come outside. We went into the rooms we were allowed in and say hello and give our thanks to them. I believe his name was Mr. Penne and the nurses told us he would have the biggest smile you ever saw. I went in and yes, there was a large smile. The ladies though produced a bigger smile, though.

To see their veteran's gratitude of us being there for them can never be matched by my or our feelings for their service. They did have one question though: Where were the Union boys? There were exactly---ZERO! We told them we felt odd about it, but the Confederacy seems to be more thankful and loyal to America than those who represent the US Army during the Civil War, I guess. They laughed. I know there will be some boys in blue next year. We could also use folks from other time frames, Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc. Those in attendance were: Lt. Andy Webb and his wife Alyria, Cpl. Scott Hill and his daughters Sara and Heather, Cpl. Bud Harroun, Pvt. Mike Pamplin and his wife Michelle. They are all from the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. From McGowan's Sharpshooters Pvt. Jacob Snow, Mrs. Dawn Bleau, and myself. I would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the person who let us attend with him and got us clearance to come and participate, Chaplain Capt. Roger Hurley.

There was a funny little happenstance. Lt. Webb who served ran into a veteran he may or may not

have met "in the good old days." They were stationed in the same port of call, not the same ship, but the same port of call at the same time. They spent a good amount of time having some laughs. From there I went to a living history encampment at the Edward Dean Museum. It was very relaxing.

It was the first year of this event so we did not have many camps or public. What there was missing those areas was more than made up for by being with good friends and campment mates. We joined by some of the 24th Virginia Infantry, Chaplain Roger Hurley, and Neil Morrison for the Civil War era. Joining me from McGowan's Sharpshooters were Capt. Garrett Nobles, Pvts. Jason Keesler, Jacob Snow, and company cook Butch Snow. We had one item on or schedule, Monday morning at 11:00 am, the Memorial service. That was it. The memorial service was very personal and touching as it is at the encampments we have had on Memorial Day. The military units were formed and marched in line and then were joined by 2 Mountain men.

Chaplain Hurley gave some brief words and we sang a beautiful rendition of God Bless America. He was joined by almost everybody in attendance for the chorus. Then we had gun salute. We had a special color guard, Butch and Jacob Snow. A few weeks ago the buried Butch's father Jacob's grandfather Wayne Snow. Wayne Snow served in Korea and Vietnam and a long career with the US Forest Service. I also, unknown to him at the time, gave charge of the company for the volley to Capt. Neil Morrison for his service to the United States and his service to Civil War Re-enacting. They fired the volley then the bag piper started playing as Chaplain Hurley said a prayer. After that I asked for people to stand up and say something for any friends, relatives, or someone special who served in the United Stated military. This lasted for a several minutes and as usual is more touching than any large ceremony because it is more personal. We were joined by a few WWII veterans that day and I had the privileged to speak at some length to one of them. After the memorials we presented arms to them and marched off. Overall, it as a great weekend and will be doing it again next year.

Yours Respectfully,
Shawn Stidger

CANADIAN CLASSIFIED

My husband and I do re-enactments here in Victoria, Vancouver Island, BC Canada. We are in the Malaht Marauders (a black powder group) here in Victoria. We got married last August, in 1860's US period costumes. We are trying to sell some of our US Costumes, and having no luck selling them. We were wondering if you have a newsletter or contacts that might be interested in them. We would be willing to even join your group even though we live in Canada, for my Husband is a American and would like to move back to the states when able to. Please let us know if you know if you would be able to help us with selling our uniforms.

Thank You,
Tom and Jodi Sturgill

Here is a description of the uniforms and including pictures of the uniforms (uniform 1, 2 and 4) in picture 1.: In picture two it is the First Sergeant and the Corporal uniforms.

First Sergeant US CIVIL WAR UNIFORM

was custom made by a shop in Oregon for a period Sergeants wedding. It was worn once and in new condition with no stains. It features a wool sack coat and correct wool pants. The coat comes with First Sergeant stripes and the pants have the correct width stripes. This set



also includes the hat and a black leather belt with the correct US brass buckle and cotton suspenders. Pants size is a 46" waist with an un-hemmed 32" inseam. The jacket is a chest size of 46" with 24" sleeves. The hat is a size large and the belt is also 46". (*All of these sets are an excellent quality US made uniform that cost \$260.00 new. Anyone wanting a complete uniform to use in their civil war re-enactment could not ask for better*).

US Corporal Uniform: was custom made by a shop in Oregon for a period Sergeants wedding. It was worn once and in new condition with no stains. It features a wool sack coat and correct wool pants. The coat comes with Corporal stripes and the pants have the correct width stripes includes the hat and a black leather belt with the correct US brass buckle and cotton suspenders. Pants size is a 42" waist with an un-hemmed 32" inseam. The jacket is a chest size of 44" with 24" sleeves. The hat is a size large and the belt is also 42".

US Officer Uniform: was custom made by a shop in Oregon for a period Sergeants wedding. It was worn once and in new



condition with no stains. It features a wool sack coat and correct wool pants. The coat comes with no stripes and could be used for an officer impression and the pants have officer piping. My friend who wore this uniform was going to buy it from us and wanted, after our wedding, to use it as an officers' uniform.

However, he changed his mind so this quality uniform is now offered for sale. This set does not include the hat but does have a black leather belt with the correct US brass buckle and cotton suspenders. Pants size is a 40" waist with an un-hemmed 36" inseam. The jacket is a chest size of 46". The belt is also 40". **\$220.00 each**

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**PETERSON'S MAGAZINE
January – December 1863**

Newest Fashions direct from Paris



Blackberry Tea

Pick the blackberry leaves and dry them. When you want to make tea, just crumble a couple of teaspoons of leaves to one cup of boiling water. Steep for five to ten minutes and you have blackberry tea.

CIVIL WAR APPLESAUCE COOKIES

2 1/4 c. sugar
1 1/3 c. shortening
3 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
1 c. applesauce
6 c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. salt
Cream shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add applesauce and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients and blend well. Drop by heaping tablespoon on greased cookie sheets. Flatten and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. They Do Not Brown!



**Verde River Days Civil War Event
Dead Horse Ranch State Park
675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd.
Cottonwood, AZ 86326**

September 25-26, 2010

The annual Verde River Days weekend honors one of Arizona's most beautiful and well preserved riparian habitats with ongoing live entertainment, recreational activities, environmental exhibits, and of course the Civil War reenactment. In contrast with Picacho Peak, Dead Horse Ranch State Park is not historically connected to any particular Civil War theme, and elements of its landscape are more suggestive of Civil War sites farther east.

The Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce is overall event sponsor and coordinator, with Dead Horse Ranch State Park the host. Actual reenactment planning will be coordinated by the Southwest Civil War Association, with new Board member Stan Kobojeck the primary contact. Living in the Verde Valley, I will continue to function as liaison and facilitator. As last year, we will utilize areas west and north of the West Lagoon on both sides of the main park road. Verde River Days exhibits and entertainment will be located in the Jay Loop area, while recreational activities utilize lagoons, the river, and local trails.

The Dead Horse Ranch elevation is 3300 feet. In late September, afternoons can be quite warm, and early mornings quite chilly. There is an outdoor potable water tap and a rest room building within reasonable walking distance from the camps, and we are again hoping to have two port-a-johns and a hand wash station conveniently located. Firewood will also be provided.

Setup can be as early as Thursday, the 23rd, and reenactor vehicles may be parked in the encampment areas for unloading throughout Thursday and Friday, then removed to the specified reenactor parking area. Spencer & Jackson will again be setting up on the grassy

area just to the west of the rest room building. A few exhibitors or sutlers may also use that general area, with the stipulation that there can be no campfires, vehicles, tents with floors, nor other ground use that could damage the grass. Sufficient space without such restrictions will remain available across the road.

Verde River Days Steering Committee meetings, will likely start sometime in June, and I will keep you periodically informed of developments. You can also access azstateparks.com then go to Dead Horse Ranch. The Cottonwood Chamber will eventually have information about this year's VRD, as will the Southwest Civil War Association. Registration materials will be made available in the not too distant future, and schedules for Verde River Days and Civil War reenactment activities will be sent out in September, when pretty much finalized.

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VIDEO FROM BATTLE OF COSTA MESA

Hey gang, the CR Video with the Civil War Reenactment, Library Design and Rentagreenbox segments is available. Click the link below and then click in the jump to window box and find the video clip you are interested in watching. Thanks for all your participation. For those Civil War Guys who missed it or get forwarded this link I included the link to last years Discovering Costa Mesa Civil War reenactment below also. You can use these links to link from your sites or email them to others.

Thanks for your support on these projects everyone.

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Dear American Civil War Society,

My name is Jerri Ostendorf and I write to you today as a member of the Publicity Committee for the rescue group **ForeverMorgans**.

As you may know, this breed was instrumental during the Civil War.

http://www.ultimatehorsesite.com/articles/sears_civilwarmorganhorses.html

Our Mission Statement:

ForeverMorgans is an organization of volunteers whose purpose is to be a resource for Morgans in need, whether they are surrendered, rescued from shelters, auctions, kill buyers, or simply removed from potentially dangerous situations. **ForeverMorgans** wishes to open our virtual barn doors to all Morgans in need of safe and loving homes. We focus on registered Morgans but will consider unregistered Morgans on a case-by-case basis. You may already be familiar with us via our listserv, through other listservs such as Positively Morgans, or you may have seen our displays at shows.

ForeverMorgans is a unique rescue in that it operates almost entirely via the internet, without a physical facility, and has members and supporters from all across the country. Some of our many success stories can be viewed at www.forevermorgans.org.

As part of our effort to expand outreach and to find badly needed foster and forever homes, **ForeverMorgans** would like to ask for your club or association's help in getting the word out about Morgan rescue. **Please consider forwarding this email to your club members or include**

information about ForeverMorgans on your web site. We would be pleased to reciprocate web site links.

Additionally, **ForeverMorgans** would be happy to provide any of our promotional materials (brochures, business cards, our PowerPoint presentation) at shows and functions in your area. Whenever possible, we try to staff tables with our own volunteers at such events, but printed and electronic materials can also always be supplied via snail or e-mail.

Thank you in advance for your time and support, and we invite you and all members of your club to join the conversation about rescue with the 400 others in our chat group, Forevermorgans-subscribe@yahoogroups.com . Please don't hesitate to contact our Publicity Chairperson, Shirley Cauley, (shirley.cauley@gmail.com, phone 434-242-0550) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,
Jerri Ostendorf
Katy, TX
ForeverMorgans Publicity Committee

Written records of individual Morgan horses serving in the Civil War are scarce. Horses were rarely identified unless they were ridden by the principal Generals of the era, like Sheridan Rienzi. Civil War Morgans are noted in the first volume of the American Morgan Horse Registry. Among those mentioned are: Clifton AMHR #457 (killed in 1864), Bemis Horse (killed in battle), Young Gifford (Rifords) (survived), Massachusetts Morgan (used in musters), Gen. Sheridan (Shelburne Morgan) (survived), and Morgan Rattler (captured at Murfreesborough).



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SAVE THE DATE! NEW LOCATION!

To keep the Annual ACWS Ball new and refreshing for our members, the location changes every few years. This also enables everyone to have a chance of the ball being close to home. To make the process of finding a new location more challenging, the Ball Committee also attempts to find a suitable location that is also historically interesting. For the 2011 ACWS Ball, The Committee has found a truly historically interesting location, The Mitten Building in Redlands, California.

The Mitten Building was built in 1890 as the Haight Citrus Packing House. Then it became the Mitten Letter Factory from about 1940 – 1980. The building was empty for many years until it was restored by the current owners who appreciated its historical significance. The owners have moved in shelving from an ancestor's pharmacy business in Missouri that dates back to the 1800s. The split-level banquet room is large enough to give us room for our hoop skirts, dining, and dancing all at the same time. The dining will be on the upper level, which looks out over the dancing/bar area. Don't worry there is a charming lift for those who are unable to use the stairs. As you walk through the entrance filled with lanterns and greenery, you transition through time and feel as though you are entering an abandoned warehouse on the docks in Charleston, South Carolina or in the center of New York City. But instead of a dirty, dusty industrial building, you find a large, clean room decorated for a grand ball. The architecture inside and outside the building will capture your attention. Add our lovely gowns and dashing uniforms, some great food and music; a magical night awaits.

The Mitten Building is in the historical district of Redlands so there are many additional things to do to make a weekend of the event. There are tea rooms nearby suitable for sipping tea with friends before the ball. The Lincoln Memorial Shrine, located on the grounds of the A. K. Smiley Library, is an interesting place to visit. Redlands is known for its carefully restored Victorian houses, many of which are located near the Mitten Building. Antique stores and modern day shopping are also nearby.

Make your plans now to attend the 2011 ACWS Ball on January 8, 2011. The earlier you purchase your tickets the less they cost. There are many hotels within a five mile radius of the Mitten Building. The ACWS Ball Committee has acquired a great rate of \$99 at the Ayres Hotel in Redlands and it's less than 1 mile from the Mitten Bldg. We visited the Ayres Hotel last week and the rooms are fantastic and big. More information about reservations will be forthcoming very soon. The address for the Mitten Building is 345 N. Fifth St., Redlands, California.

The American Civil War Society is pleased to announce the
2011 Grand Ball will be held on

Saturday, January 8th in the 1890 historic Mitten Building located at
345A North 5th Street, Redlands, California

Join fellow reenactors and guests at 6:30 p.m. for a no-host Social
Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Dancing starts at 8 p.m. with music by the Occasional Strings with Steve Crane as
Master Caller

Kevin Bohn Photography will be providing Ball photos

An ***Early Bird Special*** for tickets at \$45 per person for ACWS members,
\$55 per person for non-ACWS guests,
is available from July 1st to October 31, 2010.

November 1st to December 15, 2010 ticket prices are \$50 for ACWS members,
\$60 for non-ACWS guests.

After December 15th the ticket prices are \$55 for ACWS members,
\$65 for non-ACWS guests.

See the ACWS website, www.ACWS.net, for hotel room suggestions and menu
descriptions. Visit the ACWS American Civil War Society on Facebook

How to purchase tickets:

Mail this completed form with your check made payable to *ACWS* to:

ACWS The Grand Ball c/o Donnalee Simmons
4323 North Skylark Court, Moorpark, CA 93021

Mr. or Rank & Unit _____

Mrs./Miss or Title _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Please circle your entrée:

Chicken Marsala

Tri-Tip Beef

Spinach Lasagna