

# American Civil War Society, Inc.

## Company Dispatch

Official Newsletter of the American Civil War Society

American Civil War Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our history for future generations.

Signed editorials and letters are the views of the author, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the American Civil War Society.

JULY/AUGUST 2008



**SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**OCTOBER 2007**

**THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

**SOCIETY**

Established in 1986

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACWS**

**President - Paul Denubilo**

(805) 497-7020

[denubilo@adelphia.net](mailto:denubilo@adelphia.net)

**Vice President – Steve Bogdan**

[stevebogdan@prodigy.net](mailto:stevebogdan@prodigy.net)

**Secretary – David Crichton**

[shasta5097@msn.com](mailto:shasta5097@msn.com)

**Treasurer – Sam Frankl**

[ssfrankl@earthlink.net](mailto:ssfrankl@earthlink.net)

**Membership – Debbie Bogdan**

[Debalene@cox.net](mailto:Debalene@cox.net)

**Confederate Division - Keith Harriott**

(909) 336-9114

[keithharriott@hotmail.com](mailto:keithharriott@hotmail.com)

**Union Division – Gary Iverson**

[Garymi2@gmail.com](mailto:Garymi2@gmail.com)

**Civilian Corps – Donnalee Simmons**

[dlsimmon@pacbell.net](mailto:dlsimmon@pacbell.net)

**Public Relations - Joyce Bolin**

(949) 422-8163

[jbolin57@yahoo.com](mailto:jbolin57@yahoo.com)

The ACWS is a non-profit organization with the purposes of charitable and educational activities for the general public that demonstrate the language, conduct and manner of daily living of the civilian population and military forces during the American Civil War period (1861 – 1865) and the issues they faced during that conflict.

**COMPANY DISPATCH**

21758 Mirador

Mission Viejo, CA 92691

**Union Division:**

**Division Commander – Lt. Col Gary Iverson**

**Adjunct – Capt. David Crichton**

**Infantry Brigade Commander – Major Keith De Luca**

**Artillery Brigade Commander - Major Scott Simmons**

**Cavalry Brigade Commander - 2nd Lt. Robert Kuehl**

**Division Chaplain - Capt. Tony Delgadillo**

**Confederate Division:**

**Division Commander - Lt. Colonel Keith P. Harriott**

**Deputy Division Commander - Major Gary Heine**

**Division Adjutant – Capt. Jonathan Stidger**

**Division Asst. Adjutant – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Steve Warwick**

**Artillery Brigade Commander - Major Roger Price**

**Cavalry Brigade Commander - Major Scott Peca**

**Division Chaplain – Capt. Roger Hurley**

**ACWS Board of Directors**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**September 6, 2008 11:00 am**

**Old Spaghetti Factory**

**11896 Foothill Blvd.**

**Rancho Cucamonga, CA**

**(909) 980-3585**

## ACWS 2008 Calendar of Events

<b>2008</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
Sept 27 - 28	Acton II – Thousand Trails	Acton CA
Oct 12 – 13	MTHE TimeLine – Prado Park (tentative)	Chino Hills, 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 President notes;

It is no surprise to any of us as we pull on our woolens that Summer is here!

First of all, safe trip to our pards on their way to Gettysburg. I am sure you will find it much cooler there! For us staying behind we await your after action reports and tales of your adventures! Also for us staying behind, do not forget "Support your local 4<sup>th</sup> of July" events and tell us about it!

My unit, The Washington Artillery, will be at Cabrillo Beach for the 1812 concert, then on to Ft. Mac and for those of us with too much money up to Duncan's Mill for the CHAS event there. We are all looking forward to read about your unit's 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities in the next newsletter! Send your experience to Joyce [jbolin57@yahoo.com](mailto:jbolin57@yahoo.com)

All of us will miss Dennis Gibbs as our Board of Director's Secretary. He decided to go back to school! I say all of us because Dennis put a lot of time and care into his job as ACWS Board secretary and did yeoman work for the ACWS. Thank you from all of us Dennis, your cheerful presence will be missed.

Our new Secretary is someone very familiar to our Union Pards. David Crichton was appointed at our June 14 meeting. Welcome Dave! I also wish to thank Roger Price for volunteering. Roger has and continues to serve the ACWS as the Artillery Coordinator and was also willing to accept the position of Secretary. Only one vacancy was open, only one could be chosen, but there were no "losers" in this appointment! Roger is a class act and will continue to serve our membership as artillery coordinator. Thank you Roger, you are all right!



Our next events are on the calendar; August 16-17 is the Fort Tejon invitational. Let's all go out to see what is happening there and give our them our support as they supported our events.

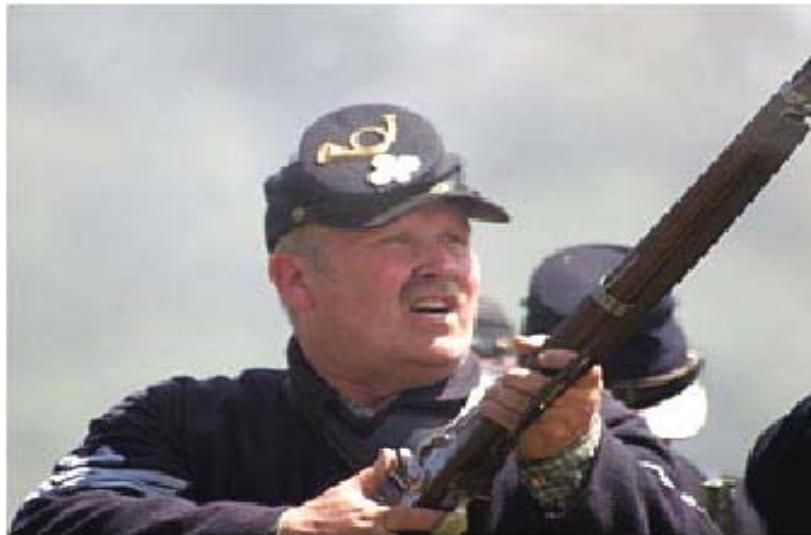
September 13, Riley's Grand Encampment, this is one of our major Civilian events. Acton is asking us for another event in September we will have to see what their schedule looks like.

We have some schedule conflicts with a potential new event that we are waiting for AMVETS funding on. I will keep you informed. That funding thing is a long story come on over to the Washington Artillery camp at Ft. Mac. And I will regale you on that soap opera! October 18 City of La Habra, get your Living History programs working! October 31, Nov. 1 and 2, save your quarters for Las Vegas at Spring Mountain Ranch!

Yea I know the gas prices are up but you have to take the family to Las Vegas once a year to win your fortune anyway!

Godspeed to our traveling Pards!

***SAY “HI” TO OUR NEW ACWS BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS SECRETARY, DAVID CRICHTON***



Hi! Captain Dave Crichton here. I was recently elected by the Board to be the new Secretary ACWS, as the Secretary I am also a member of the Board. At events I am the Adjutant, Union (Iverson's) Division. I am excited by the prospect of helping the rest of the Board, and the membership as we continue to move the ACWS forward. My wife (Faye) and I have been members of the ACWS for about 10 years.

**Capt. Dave Crichton  
Adjutant, Union Division**

**WELCOME ABOARD**

# MILITARY DISPATCHES

## CONFEDERATE MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS:



Members of the Legion,

We have fought two major engagements since I have last had time to pen a few words. Your numbers at both Wooden Nickel and Acton were astonishing to me, especially at Wooden Nickel. I always feel a great sense of pride when viewing all of you standing at attention in the ranks and having to look way to my right and left to take you all in! Your actions and conduct to a man were exemplary and much appreciated at both events.

The fighting at Wooden Nickel although stubborn in our defense did not go quite as well as we had hoped for. The Federals in that area under the command of Lt. Colonel Iverson were determined to dislodge us from those vital crossroads. Not to be underestimated again we found them near the town of Acton and this time gave them a beating I am sure they will not forget any time soon!

Reporting for duty at Wooden Nickel, Acton or both events were the commands of the 8th Alabama, 8th Louisiana, 1st Louisiana, South Carolina Sharpshooters, 1st Engineers, 1st Texas, 10th Virginia, Hampton's Legion, 17th Virginia, 2nd Kentucky, Terry's Texas Rangers and our own brave artillery

crews. Thank you gentlemen for your support of the ACWS Confederate Legion!

As a side note to the battle of Acton I would like to take time to mention that the troops on both sides found time for a temporary truce in order to engage in a friendly game of rounders. I admit I had been talking quite a bit prior to the contest but am relieved to inform you that we the Confederates remain unbeaten (keep practicing yanks!) in what has become a very fine tradition at our events!

I look forward to seeing many of you on the field at Gettysburg in a couple of weeks and the rest of you at an event real soon. We do have our very own 3rd annual Spring Mountain Ranch planned for the first weekend of November and I am hoping a new event will be announced by the time you receive this letter.

Again, it is a privilege and an honor to stand along side all of you and to be associated with the finest soldiers west of the Mississippi!!! God speed to all of you until we see one another again upon the battlefield!

Respectfully,

Lt. Colonel K. Harriott

2ND. Kentucky H.Q.  
Wooden Nickle Station  
May 5  
Battle Report:

To: Lt. Col Harriott  
Harriott's Legion

Sir,

The 2ND. Kentucky arrived at Wooden Nickel Station on May 2 and procured suitable housing for themselves and Division Command Staff. After securing a perimeter around the town I sent out scouts. They brought back reports of Federal troops building in the hilly area outside of town. I then prepared for an engagement the following morning.

Upon receiving orders to attack the Federals from the right flank I sent my force to the area of Battle, leaving my howitzer crew and a small force to defend it on the left flank of the battle field. My right wing was supported by Captain Noble's sharpshooters they were to my left we engaged mounted Cavalry and infantry. My Battalion went head on with the Federals. During the fight the Federals left their escape route unprotected as to which I advanced my right wing to trap the Federals. The howitzer spent all its ammunition and with the defending force joined the fight on the left flank of the Battlefield to support the infantry there. With the Federals having no escape they were forced to surrender.

The Federal force later that afternoon pushed its way through our defenses and forced my Battalion to the high rocky area near our Artillery. The Battalion suffered light casualties our regimental surgeon was able to keep us in the fight for another day. The following morning found us defending the Division Artillery. We were later combined with 3 Infantry Units under the command of Major Heine we advanced down the road to engage the Infantry defending it. I requested to break off and harass the Federal Howitzer firing on our own Artillery we were then flanked by Federal Infantry and forced to withdraw.

I remain at your service,

Major Peca  
Cavalry Commander  
Harroitt's Legion

# MILITARY DISPATCHES

## FEDERAL MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS:



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

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

It has been reported that units of the Confederacy, having gained the front at the Town of Acton, are again preparing to move on and seize the rich silver deposits in Nevada. This cannot be allowed to happen. The Union cannot and will not allow the Confederacy to gain another foot hold in western states, and the silver fields must be protected at all cost. You are, therefore, immediately ordered to report to the Spring Mountain Ranch outside the hamlet of Las Vegas in the State of Nevada to be re-supplied. As soon as possible 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 may arrive at the Spring Mountain Ranch on October 30, but you are really needed to report no later than November 1 of this year where you are to locate and join other volunteer units converging on the area. There you will assist in actions against this rebel incursion. Once you arrive at that location you are to report to the Union Division HQRS, and locate either myself or my Adjutant, Sergeant Major. More information will be dispatched to you on this effort, but it is suggested you start to make plans to converge on the Spring Mountain Ranch now.

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



## ACTON - AFTER ACTION REPORT

For those of you who missed this event, you missed a great one. As usual the camping on grass, the challenging battlefield, and the cooperative weather made for another spectacular event. I would like to thank those folks that showed up. In attendance at this event were representatives from the 1st Maine, 4th New Jersey, 5th US, 5th New York, 7th Michigan, 10th New York, 19th Indiana, 55th Ohio, and 71st Pennsylvania. As has become a regular occurrence, everyone in attendance had a great time and everyone present participated in every battle.



The weekend started with units arriving on Friday night and establishing camp as per the directions from the Union Division Staff. This allowed everyone to have a great campsite with plenty of grass and shade, easy access to water, and a location where the public could visit each camp. Friday night was relatively quiet, with only the occasional visit from local wildlife.

Saturday morning arrived with moderate temperatures under a cloudless sky. The Unit Division assembled and we marched forth to see if any Confederate forces had advanced to our location. Sure enough a force of the opposing Army showed up, and the engagement began. The Union artillery under Major Scott Simmons opened up on the enemy, while the Infantry under Major Keith Deluca tried to push the advantage on the right side of the field. However, the Confederate forces under Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Harriott held firm and pushed the Union forces back.

Later Saturday the Union forces attempted to split the forces and drive the Cavalry up

the middle of the opposing force. However, the Cavalry took the right flank and the original plan did not manifest itself. Thankfully the Artillery and Dismounted Cavalry forces held the left side of the field, which allowed the forces led by First Lieutenant Vincent Fernandez and Sergeant-Major David Fernandez to push the advantage. The Confederate lines held firm for a long time, but eventually they fell back as the two halves of the Union forces pinched in to form one force that fought valiantly to drive the brave Confederate forces back. This effort was augmented by the Mountain Howitzer from the 5th US that was pressed to the front. These combined efforts resulted in the field being once again gained for the Union. Both sides drew back to regroup in anticipation of the eventual clash that was to occur the next day.

The weather on Sunday was just a clear and balmy as the previous day. The Church bells rang, but no longer had the services ended that the sound of cannons warned that the



Confederates were once again on the move. I hastily gathered what Union forces I could and headed to the sounds of battle. Fortunately, Major Scott Simmons had answered the call of the opposing artillery and had replied most forcefully with artillery of the 5th US under the command of 2nd Lieutenant Anthony Variz. This held the opposing force in check until the Union Mounted Cavalry consisting of the 1st Maine and 7th Michigan could take the field to drive back the expeditionary Confederate forces that had formed. The 1st Maine Dismounted Cavalry quickly took the field as well, which augmented the Mounted Cavalry efforts. As bravely fought as this effort was, the Confederate forces appeared in force and started to regain the lost ground from the day before. The Union Infantry found that Major DeLuca had been found indisposed, and it fell to First Lieutenant Vincent Fernandez and Sergeant-Major David Fernandez to answer the call of duty and repel the Confederate forces coming toward them. As the Union forces pushed, first one battle line and then the other it was soon realized that the Confederate Commander was steadfast in his desire to persist. It was then that artillery pieces were rolled to the front, and this extra emphasis caused the steadfast Confederates to begrudgingly give ground. With the cooperation between the Union Artillery, Mounted Cavalry, Dismounted Cavalry, and Infantry in full harmony the Confederates could do little but fall back to regroup once more.

Sunday afternoon found just that. The Confederate forces have regrouped, and had been augmented by superior forces (and it would turn out a little surprise for the Union Forces). Once again the Union Artillery was the first to warn of the approach of the Confederates over the hard fought ground of the morning. Once again, the Union forces gathered to give battle over the blood soaked ground of the last two days. It was decided to try and have the Union Dismounted unit to try and flank the enemy on the west side of the field, but this effort failed. It then became apparent that the Confederates were throwing everything they had straight up the middle. The Union forces had no choice at that point but to form a solid front in the middle and faced the opposing force head on. Round after round was fired and both lines came to a halt, loading and firing at the other side as fast as each soldier could. It was then that the Confederate surprise appeared.

Out of no where a Mountain Howitzer appeared in the middle of the Confederate line, and let loose a horrible fire that opened the middle of the Union line. The Confederate Commander then took the opportunity to send units into that newly formed gap, and drove the two halves of the Union into retreat. The Union forces gallantly tried to resist, but the division had accomplished its task and the Union forces were forced to relegate the field to the Confederate forces. The Confederacy had taken revenge for the losses at the Wooden Nickel Ranch earlier this year, and the Union forces were left with scant soldiers and had to give up the effort to maintain that front.

Thus ended the battle of Acton. However, word has it that the Union is expected to be resupplied with fresh men and supplies and will reform to defend the silver deposits in the newly formed State of Nevada.

Reported by my hand,  
Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Iverson  
ACWS Union Commander



**Artillery Brigade Headquarters, ACWS Union Division-Department of So. Calif.**

**After Action Report-Battle of Acton Pass, Ca; Jun. 07-08**

To: Lt Col. Gary Iverson - Commanding ACWS Division

Sir:

Contained herein is the Artillery Brigade After Action Report for the Battle of Acton Pass.

The Artillery Brigade consisting of Batteries of the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Artillery; commanded by Lt. A. Variz with inventory consisting of 1 Mtn. Howitzer and numerous 10 lb Parrott Rifles with limbers.

**Day 1 (07 Jun.)**

The Artillery Brigade, after being ordered to move out from the captured Confederate headquarters at the Wooden Nickel Ranch near the desert town of Riverside, arrived at Acton Pass on Jun 6 with the rest of the Division, only to find however, that a legion of Confederates occupied the west end of the mining district. Camp was setup in a lush meadow complete with large willow trees to provide comfortable shade during the hot afternoons. The guns were strategically placed and plans were made to protect our vital metals mines. The morning dawned bright and warm. Orders were given to our pickets and cavalry to scout out the woods in advance of the infantry. The cavalry reported meeting enemy skirmishers but easily drove them off and capturing several stragglers. Information gained from the prisoners allowed the artillery to let loose and reign down shot and shell on the yet unseen Confederate positions. Our infantry advanced into the surrounding thicket where they met strong enemy resistance and endured many causalities. The order to retreat was given to the Infantry and for one of Battery D's Mtn. Howitzer to advance and fire, protecting our left flank. They were able to hold off a company from Alabama, thus allowing the infantry to fall back behind our Artillery Line. The Mtn. Howitzer was able to retreat back to the gun line just in time to meet the advancing enemy. Orders

were given to spike the pieces and retreat, but the brave lads from the 5th U.S. held their ground and defended their pieces with pistols, muskets, and scatter guns; however to no avail. Much of Battery D was decimated as were many infantry. The remainder of the Union Division retreated to the far end of the thicket, and just like the other battles, the Rebs made the mistake of not finishing the job, for they chose not to follow us.



That afternoon, what was left of Battery D and the rest of the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Limbered up their remaining pieces and took up position in the woods to open up on the enemy for a counter attack. The Mtn. Howitzer advanced with our skirmishers but remained hidden in the thick woods. Our scouts spotted an advance enemy camp. Muskets opened up on the unsuspecting Rebs; and when the enemy was at the height of confusion, the Mtn Howitzer opened up-decimating the advanced enemy line. The remaining guns of the 5<sup>th</sup> US were given orders to fire-and fire they did. The rest of our infantry, though heavily outnumbered, advanced upon the bewildered Confederates. With the aid of Battery D's Mountain Howitzer, we were able to turn the flank of the enemy, thus driving him away from their own cannon line. Yours truly and Sgt. Maj. D. Carroll were able to capture and turn and fire an enemy Mtn. Howitzer, thereby freezing the enemy in their retreat. The rest of the enemy cannons consisting of Parrott and Ordnance Rifles were easily captured by us.

### **Day 2 (08 Jun.)**

After a boisterous evening celebrating our victory along with sutlers, procurers of fine beverages, ladies of questionable virtues and card playing gentlemen, the Artillery Brigade was ready for an impending Confederate counter attack that was sure to come on the Morning of the Sabbath. For just like Gen. Grant is known to commence his attacks at 4:00 am, the Confederate Division Cmdr-Lt. Col. Harriot, I believe, is known to attack after Church call.

Right on time, the enemy opens up with a very ineffective cannonade. The 5<sup>th</sup>

U.S. returned fire commencing in an hour's long artillery duel. Our infantry advances, taking with them the Mtn Howitzer to protect our right flank. Taking up positions in the woods, Battery D's Mtn. Howitzer was able to fire canister on an advancing enemy infantry company and decimated at least one half of the company. The remaining guns of the 5th U.S. effectively rotating fire enfiladed the retreating enemy, causing heavy casualties and allowing the rapid advancement of our infantry to overtake the Confederates.

That afternoon, unbeknownst to us, the Confederates were reinforced by another brigade. The Confederates marched in mass, toward our camp; overwhelming our depleted division. Our boys from the Cavalry, Infantry, and Artillery fought bravely and fiercely to the end. However, our numbers were just too small. This time, unlike the first battle of day one, it appears the Confederates learned the lesson on how to finish the job.

As you well know sir, the Division received heavy causalities and reinforcements are sorely needed before we can return to Battle. Although this war has taken many souls on both sides, and granted, we have lost this battle, in my heart, I know the Righteous and Just cause of these United States; where all Men are Created Equal, will prevail in the long run.

Living to Fight another Day,

Respectfully Sir,

I remain your obedient Servant,

Maj. S. T. Simmons,  
Cmd'g Artillery Brigade,  
ACWS Division, Dept. of So. California



*This is why we do it....friendship no matter what side you're on.....*



### A Challenge Issued

## ACWS SPORTS CHALLENGE RESULTS

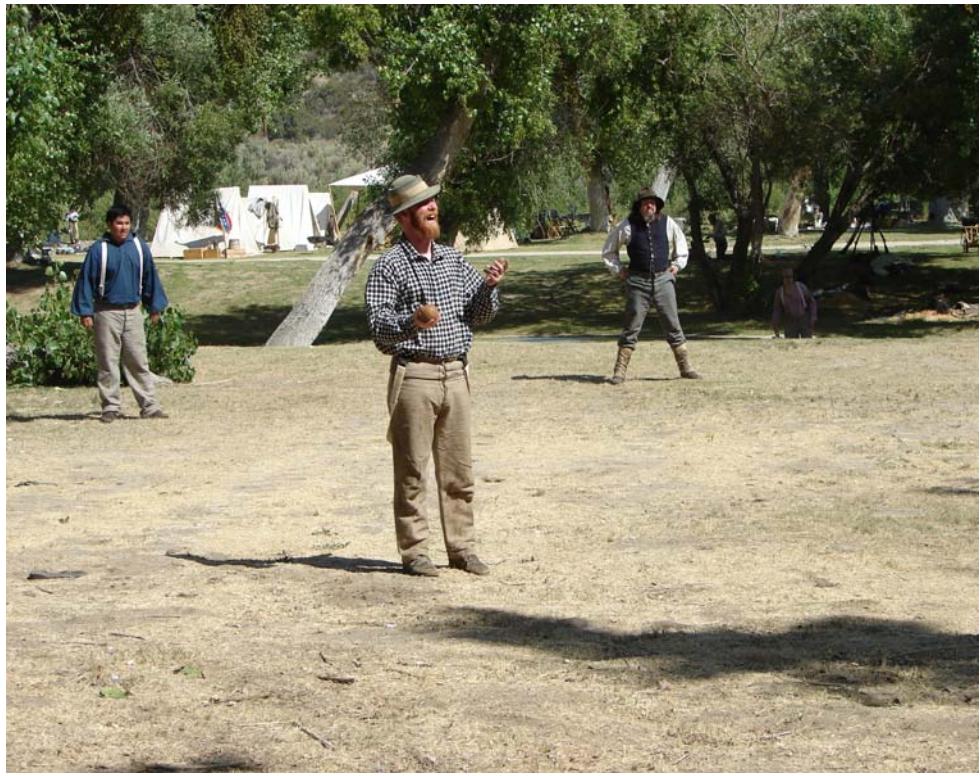


Once again the Union forces faced off with the Confederate forces. However, this time it was on the Base Ball field at the ACWS Acton event in May 2008. A good time was had by all those that participated. This time the Confederate team racked up an impressive victory, with the silent Union bats deciding the victory for the boys in Gray. Another challenge has been issued, this time at the Second Acton event to be held on Saturday Afternoon on September 27-28, 2008. Keep an eye out for the schedule to see the exact time.



At the May 2008 Acton event the Confederate forces once again challenged the Union forces to a good-ole' game of horseshoes. Both forces faced off, and with horseshoes flying (without the horses) the result was a Union victory. I am sure that another challenge will be issued, but there is no word about another game taking place at the September Second Acton event.

These activities are open to all those that wish to participate (when they occur). The idea is to go out and have fun, enjoy each others company, and recreate another aspect of the 1860's lifestyle. I hope to see all of you on the field...the sports field.



## ***OUR COMMANDERS***

# ***SPIES??? WHERE? HOW?***

July 14, 1863  
Paris, France

*My dearest friends*

*The news of Gettysburg has just been received and my heart is saddened with the thoughts of all the loss souls on those destructive days earlier this month. My regards and prayers are with you all as I continue to pursue our common goal to assure our cause with our allies in Europe*

*With respectful regards RG*

\*\*\*\*\*

*July 24, 1863  
Richmond, Virginia*

*My Dear Mrs. Greenhow,*

*Miss Charlotte and I will be traveling on the Marguerite to France in December to be married aboard the C.S.S. Florida by Commander J.N. Maffitt. We intend to bring important dispatches and instructions from President Davis to you at that time.  
Hoping this finds you well in these trying times, I remain*

*Your Devoted Servant,  
HENRI G. BEAUCHET  
Assistant Secy. for Foreign Affairs, CSA*



## **CIVILIAN CHATTER**

Hello ACWS Civilians:

### **PAST EVENTS:**

We have had two reenactments since the last newsletter. In May at the Wooden Nickel Ranch a civilian town was set up. Thanks to the Bogdans and Johnsons for setting up their carpentry impressions; the Pavichs and Tuseths for their civil war weapons and generals' displays; the Ladies Soldier's Friends Society of Columbus, GA for their cooking and Donations from Home presentations; and the Displaced Kentuckians for their metal working impressions. I apologize for being under the weather on Sat. and want to thank Anne Frankl and Joyce Bolin for filling in for me at the last minute. It was great seeing a nice civilian camp turnout.

In June we moved to the green grass of the Thousand Trails Campground in Acton. Here the Bogdan and Johnson womenfolk, dressed in their 1860's swimwear, took advantage of the cool waters of the local swimming hole. The civilian town center was the site of the reenactor marketplace, croquet court, historical clothing demonstration, civilian tea, children's social and church services.



Thank you civilian volunteers for making these events happen. ACWS is a volunteer organization and it is because of our volunteers, be it civilian or military, we are able to provide living history to the public.



#### **UPCOMMING EVENTS:**

The ACWS calendar shows July as being support your local 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Various communities have asked for volunteers to march in parades or participate in community programs. Have a safe holiday. July 12 & 13 is Old Fort MacArthur Days at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro. This is a marching through history event in which the ACWS provides part of the troops for the civil war era.

August 16 & 17 is the Invitational at Fort Tejon. ACWS supports this event. Riley's Farm is scheduled for September 13-14, 2008. Since this ACWS living history event is sponsored by the ACWS Civilian Corps, we need maximum participation by our ACWS Civilians. Preliminary planning is just beginning. If you can participate in this event, please let me know. September 27-28, 2008 will again be Acton II Thousand Trails, Acton CA.

#### **SAFETY TESTING:**

Slowly everyone is taking the safety tests. Please, if you have not done so yet, or if you have taken the test but need your card stamped, please see me at the next event. On the safety note: As we are entering the height of our fire season, remember: **BEFORE YOU START YOUR FIRES IN CAMP, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR FIRE BUCKET FILLED WITH WATER.** You never know when an accident can happen.

#### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:**

**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](mailto:Robinyoung@earthlink.net)



## **2008 SOUTHWEST INVITATIONAL REENACTMENT**

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2008**

**(Nevada Day Weekend of the Battle Born State – Optional School Day  
Friday 10/31st)**

***Spring Mountain Ranch State Park***

**6375 State Hwy 159 - Blue Diamond, NV**

**(15 miles west of Las Vegas via Charleston Blvd on the Blue Diamond Hwy)**

**2 Battles Saturday, 1 Large Battle Sunday**

**Period Baseball Game on Saturday Mid-Afternoon**

**Open for Reenactors from Thursday NOON thru Monday NOON with 24 hour access for  
Reenactors.**

**Straw, hay, water, and fire wood provided**

**Civil War Period Fashion Show, Ladies Tea, Saturday night Dance, and period Church Service**

**Points of Contact:**

**Southern Nevada Living History Assoc. ([www.snlha.org](http://www.snlha.org))**

**The American Civil War Society ([www.acws.net](http://www.acws.net))**

**Jason Coffey (702) 354-6875 ([jayce921@yahoo.com](mailto:jayce921@yahoo.com))**



**ACTON II – RELIVED**  
**SEPTEMBER 27 – 28, 2008**  
**Thousand Trails**  
**Acton, California**

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.

**ALL UNITS**  
**Please contact your commanders for further instructions**

## **MOUNTAIN MAN BREAKFAST**



2 lbs. sausage

2 lbs. frozen hash brown potatoes

8 eggs, beaten with 1/4 cup water

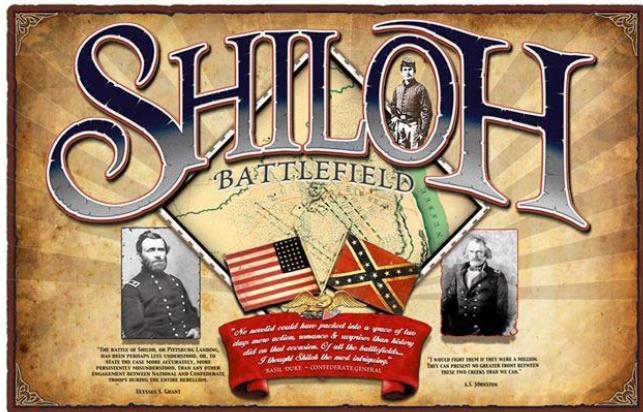
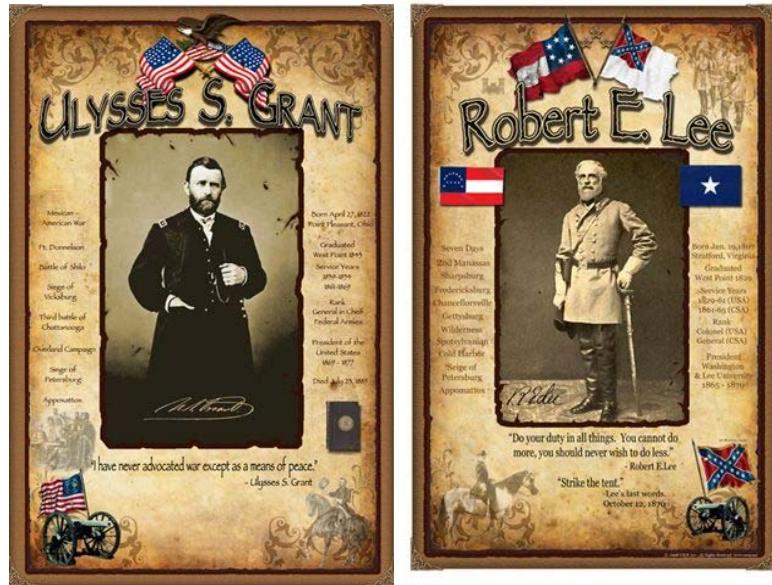
2 cups cheese, grated

## **DUTCH OVEN DELIGHTS**

In a 12 inch camp Dutch oven over a full bed of hot coals, fry and crumble sausage. Remove cooked sausage and drain on paper towels. Using the sausage drippings in the pan, brown potatoes (can be cubed or shredded potatoes), and spread them evenly in bottom of camp oven. Place cooked sausage over potatoes. Pour eggs over sausage layer. Sprinkle top with cheese. Cook with 8 coals underneath and 16 on top for 20 to 25 minutes, until eggs are cooked.

**FANTASTIC!!**

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



## ACWS Fundraiser

**T-shirts \$15 and posters \$10 on sale at ACWS events.**

**Many selections of generals and battles.**

**Contact Joyce Bolin for more information**

**[Jbolin57@yahoo.com](mailto:Jbolin57@yahoo.com)**