



American Civil War Society, Inc.



Company Dispatch

Official Newsletter of the American Civil War Society

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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
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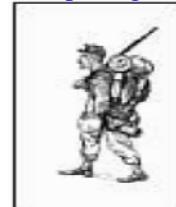
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ACWS BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2009 10 AM
Riley's Farm event

PRESIDENT'S

RAMBLING..... From the Presidents Bunker; The economic down turn has started to affect us and first at Thousand Trails Acton. To save money Thousand Trails corporate officers consolidated all marketing into their regional office. That happened just before Acton I and left them with no funds for Acton I. Just this last week they were told they also would not fund a local marketing event like Acton II. While talking to the Thousand Trails manager, who loves the event, there is a possibility for them to either talk corporate into or funding locally a spring event.

The current board has been incredibly effective in managing the ACWS business. I know I mentioned it once before, but when this board started we had less than \$300 in the bank and an incredibly high insurance premium. Now we finish the year with a 25% lower policy premium and enough cash in the bank to prepay our insurance. We have shifted the burden of paying for events to the event sponsor and away from dues income.

Recent changes in non profit rules have placed a significant time burden on the board members especially our treasurer who even had to "educate" the board per a checklist supplied by the IRS. IRS accounting now is mandatory for all Non profits where in the past it was only needed if you had an annual income of more than \$25,000.

When the goal of fiscal solvency was met this board moved onto attaining a goal of six events per year and that has been met. Calico, Acton, Riley's, Costa

Mesa, Blythe, Wooden Nickel, and SMR.

With the loss of Acton the board is challenged again to get us back to 6 events for 2010. Thanks to "tips" from members and many hours of board members time for surveys we stand a pretty good chance of meeting that goal. Calico is a sure bet we have been generating income for them for years and provided our members with good old fashioned cold weather training.

Blythe is on line for 2010. I know this is a long drive but we are so well received by the community that it is hard to turn down. The hope here is more support from our Arizona and Nevada friends. It is also a fertile ground for recruiting; there is nothing out that way for either Blythe or Indio.

Costa Mesa is also back on line for 2010. We hope they can find a better place for us the parking next to the battle field is not the best. But once again, the City is behind us and all are looking forward to our return. They already have stuff up on the city web page.

Acton is going to try to fund a spring event. Riley's Civilian fair is most likely on line. And we are looking into another Riley family event.

Wooden Nickel has been a mainstay and popular event with ACWS members. We will see what the move to Cityhood schedule will do for PR for the event. An activity that has been a bit lacking in the past. I will be visiting a site near San Diego next week to see if that one is practical and can be funded. If you have any leads please send them to me. We will get on them.

Paul Denubilo

MILITARY DISPATCHES



CONFEDERATE COMMAND:

17 July, 1864

Gentlemen,

It is going to be a long wait until we meet against our common foe in October. I am currently awaiting the status from the Cavalry in the Acton area to see if there is a Federal presence there. If there is no Federal army in that area, I am planning on having a drill weekend from the ACWS CSA Division on the weekend of September 26 and 27. It would be at Mile High Ranch in Cherry Valley and would consist of drill for the morning to early afternoon. For the infantry it will consist of a one mile road march into the woods for the night. We will be planning on sleeping on our packs for the night so if you choose to take that challenge on, please be prepared. This will be a great opportunity for us to practice campaign re-enacting. The Cavalry and Artillery are also needed and are also invited for their respective brigades. It will be to them if they want to stay overnight or march someplace.

We are also needing to support the Riley's Farm event on September 12. Please see if we can get remnants of all of our units there so we can be representative of our Division. The Civilians Corps would really be appreciative of our support, so let us support them as they have us.

I am also working on other projects for our Division to potentially attend other events in California as a group. Really trying to piece together something for at least one Northern California event and one additional Southern California event. If any of you have any ideas, what events we should try and attend in mass, let Maj. Hutton know so he can

compile the candidates and we can try and put them together for you. The soldiers of this Division attend many different events and we should try and expand ourselves for our benefit, but the ACWS benefit as well. We are the best advertising for the ACWS and it is time to advertise. Also we need to get on the website, and I will try and get the forms sent to the brigade commanders for Spring Mountain Ranch in Las Vegas. This is a great site and it is one of the few times we can get the folks from the rest of the Southwest to join us. Hopefully this year, there will be no inclement weather or fires.

For those of us attending Huntington Beach, we are expected to be battalion together as usual. I still do not know who is commanding the battalion but it will be either Ken Dacey or Jim Stytte. Let us show them what we can do and why this group is the best CSA army west of the Mississippi!

I would also like to ask you folks if any of you would like to be on one of two committees for the ACWS. The first being a CSA representative on a skirmish/tactical rules team. The second being an event site committee member to arrange, find, and help procure future event sites. Your help in any way would be most appreciated. Remember this is your Division, Brigade, Unit, and organization. Please send your responses to Major Hutton at killerhutton@aol.com or Captain Somers at grumpyolsob@aol.com .

Thank you all,
Your Obedient Servant,
Col. J. Shawn Stidger
ACWS Confederate Division, ANV, Dept. Of
the Southwest

UNION COMMANDS:



From ACWS Union Division HQ

I hope this correspondence finds you all well and ready to fight to retain the Union. The recent lull in battles have given all of us a chance to recuperate and re-stock. However, I fear that the enemy will engage us again (and soon). In anticipation of such an attack, I am asking all of you to gather in your Companies and congregate at the:

Huntington Beach Event as part of the ACWS Union Encampment At the Central Park (18381 Goldenwest St, Huntington Beach, CA 92648) Friday September 4 (after 3PM) to Sunday September 6

We will be gathering and fighting as a separate entity as part of the anticipated engagement with the enemy. The Union Encampment will be in the Southeast side of the property (near the Library). As always we anticipate two engagements on Saturday and two on Sunday. I will distribute a schedule as soon as I get one.

**PLEASE REPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE TO YOUR COMPANY
COMMANDER.**

**COMPANY COMMANDERS ARE TO SEND THEIR UNIT NUMBERS TO
ME ASAP.**

FOR LINCOLN AND LIBERTY!!!

More From ACWS Union Division HQ

The recent communications lines between Headquarters and soldiers has now been restored. On that note, I wanted to thank all those that participated in the Battles of Blythe and the Battles of Costa Mesa. The Battles of Blythe could not have gone better, and I hope to have an even bigger force at this event next year. And while we did not end up in possession of the area, we were well provisioned. We faired even better at the Battle of Costa Mesa. Not only were we victorious at the end of the fight, but the Mayor and City Council came out to thank us for our efforts. Both of these events were enjoyable, and we look forward to having all of you there next year.

The calendar is quickly filling up. See the other manifest about Huntington Beach. Also we have a social event scheduled coming up at:

**Riley's Farm
12261 S. Oak Glen Road Oak Glen, California 92399
September 12, 2009 (Saturday only) – All day**

All soldiers are strongly encouraged to attend. See the ACWS website for directions. There will even be a place to set up a tent or fly if you so wish. Bring your best manners and socialize in the shade with the local population (and the lovely ladies). There is no scheduled engagement for this gathering, but a demonstration of weaponry is possible (bring a few rounds for a public firing demonstration).

**SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH
P.O. Box 124 Blue Diamond, NV 89004
October 30, 31 and November 1
Outside the Hamlet of Las Vegas Nevada**

Once again we will be defending the new State of Nevada from aggressors. We anticipate two engagements on Saturday and two engagements on Sunday. More information will be forthcoming. However, you do not want to miss this great event.

FOR LINCOLN AND LIBERTY!!!

5th US, Battery D Participates in National Artillery Match



Members of the 5th US, Battery D recently went back to Michigan and participated in the 2009 Camp Grayling National Artillery Match. According to 2nd Lieutenant Anthony Variz from the 5th US:

“I am very proud to say that Battery D accomplished something that has only been done once before in the 19 years of this event. We hit the newspaper 3 times, and hit the 4’X6’ backer 7 out of 10 times. One shot was only inches from the paper so we were close to setting a new record of 4 hits. Sighting was super difficult and we were once again fighting gusting winds. In fact, at the firing line we had a tail wind, mid range it was blowing the flag to the right, and ¾’s down range it was blowing hard to the left! By the way, no other Battery scored even one hit in the paper. Battery D was not only distinguished for coming the greatest distance in the 19 year history of the event, but we brought home the “Bacon”!”

While the 5th US did not fair as well in the other events, they did participate with motors, Parrott, and Napoleon artillery pieces. I find this quite an impressive accomplishment, and I am a bit envious that I couldn’t participate. I want to personally thank the 5th US for all their efforts. We can all be proud that the 5th US, Battery represented themselves and the ACWS so well.

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

BATTERY "D" 5TH U.S. LEADS THE WAY! Under the leadership of Lt. Varis Battery "D" took the honors of winning the Bacon Creek match at "Grayling." The 1000 yd. match was won by placing three rounds through a single page of newspaper, a fourth round touching the edge of the paper. The fourth round was of no consequences as all the other gun crews failed to place even a single round through the paper. Oh they will be tough to live with now, how will they live up to this?

Barry Robe'rt, Cpl. 5th U.S. Battery "D"



CIVILIAN CHATTER

As is evident with my absence at the Costa Mesa event, it is necessary to have help with events. I would like to thank those who pitched in at the last minute to help with the civilian activities at Costa Mesa. It would be better if I had someone who would volunteer to help plan the events with me, so that in the event of an emergency there would be a back-up in place to coordinate the civilian activities. If you are interested in helping to coordinate civilian activities at ACWS events, please contact me. I could really use your help.

LOOKING FORWARD

The next ACWS event is the one day living history event at **RILEY'S FARM** on September 12, 2009. How this event works is: we set up in a circle on the upper green. The public tours around the green, visiting various impressions of 1860s civilian life. Examples of such impressions in the past have been, washing women, hospital, mercantile, cafe/eating house, seamstress, gambling house, gunsmith, sheriff, snake oil salesman, etc. This year we have a seamstress, butter making/cooking, quilting and the Jr. Cadet Program already signed up. Soldiers are welcomed to join us. You may either do a civilian impression, set up military recruiting stations, and/or have units come to drill. Unfortunately there can be no shooting of weapons at this site. The event is open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Saturday evening, Riley's Farm prepares a dinner and dance. Tickets for the dinner and dance are purchased directly from Riley's Farm. Be sure to ask for the ACWS discounted ticket price. All reenactors who setup their camps before midnight on Friday night receive free Sunday breakfast tickets. If you are planning to attend the event, let me know as soon as possible what your impression will be and how much room you will need.

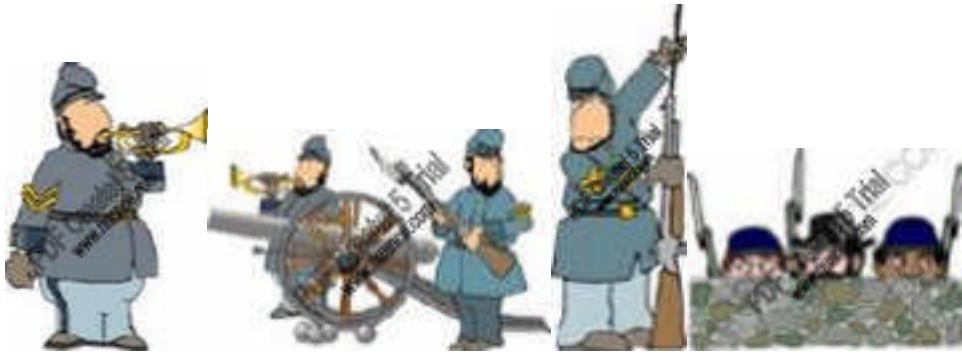
The next ACWS scheduled event after Riley's Farm is **WOODEN NICKEL** on

October 17-18, 2009. In the past, Wooden Nickel has been in May, but this year the area is in the process of becoming a city, so the event was delayed so that it could coincide with the cityhood celebrations. If you are planning to attend this event, let me know. I will need to know the size of your camp area as camping in the civilian camp has been getting tighter and tighter over the years. If you have an impression that you would like to appear on the schedule, let me know. Schedules are prepared 30 days before the event. Rebecca Stidger has volunteered to host a Ladies Tea, so bring your tea cups. There will be the ACWS Jr. Cadet Program for all boys aged 6-13 years.

After Wooden Nickel is **SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH** in Las Vegas on October 30 - November 1, 2009. The Southern Nevada Living History Association (SNLHA), the group who hosts the Spring Mountain Ranch reenactment, would like an idea of how many ACWS reenactors they can expect by the end of the summer. So, if you are planning to attend this event this year, please let me know so that I can give them a number. Lisa Coffey and the ladies of the SNLHA will be hosting a Ladies Tea. The ACWS Jr. Cadet Program is also planned for this event.

The ACWS Board continues to work on bringing more events to our membership, but it is not an easy task. The ACWS Board of Directors will be meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 at Riley's Farm. If you are already planning to attend the Riley's Farm event, this would be a good time to stay over and see your ACWS Board in action. If you are unable to make the Board meeting and you have an issue that you want me to bring up to the Board, let me know.

Donnalee Simmons,
ACWS, Civilian Corps
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi everyone – well here it is the end of July and boy has this year been going by fast. So many great things are happening in the ACWS not to mention two new events, Costa Mesa Fairview Park and of course Blythe. Our 2010 Calendar of Events is filling up fast. As you can see we have added our support to Huntington Beach Historical Society and to Prado next April. At both events we will be supporting the cause with our own ACWS Battalion on both the Union and Confederate forces. Be sure to contact your unit commanders for special instructions on these events.

Additionally, the ACWS Board of Directors has an opening on the Board for the position of Secretary. Below is the description of the position of Secretary according to the ACWS By-Laws for the Board of Directors. We encourage our members to get involved with the operations of the ACWS and ask for all volunteers to step up and help govern this great organization. Please read over the description and answer to questionnaire. Please send your inquiry and responses to the questionnaire to the present Secretary, David Crichton at shasta5097@msn.com for review by the Board for consideration.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall certify and keep at the principal office of the Corporation the original or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date;

Keep at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such place as the Board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall maintain, if applicable, minutes of meetings of committees of Directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof;

Maintain current mailing list of the Board of Directors; See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; Be custodian of the records; Responsible for mailing minutes of previous Board meetings to members of the Board of Directors two (2) weeks prior to the next scheduled Board meeting except as provided in Article 3, Section 10, of these Bylaws; Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the Corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore, the Bylaws, and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the Corporation; and,

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

In the absence of the President and Vice President the Secretary shall assume the duties of the President.

Questionnaire for prospective Board position of Secretary

1. Drawing on your experience as a member of the ACWS, please describe what measures you would like to implement in order to improve communication and event attendance of the membership.
2. (Hypothetical to a soldier or civilian) The ACWS has approved an event of which either very close or on the same date as another, competing reenacting entity. Your home unit votes to attend the competing event instead of the ACWS event. Please describe the actions you would take in this case. How many ACWS would you attend in one year?
3. Describe the contributions you will be able to make to the ACWS Board of Directors and it's membership.
4. Please describe your qualifications for the position of Secretary and why should the existing Board should consider your application? Example do you have experience in keeping records and preparing agendas and minutes of Board meetings?
5. Please describe in your own words what "Team Work" means to you and how do you plan on working as part of the Board Team.
6. Why did you become a civil war reenactor?

*Thanks again
Joyce Bolin
ACWS PR Director/Editor*

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

The Campaign for Chattanooga

Featuring:

**Steven Woodworth, (Keynote Speaker) Professor, Texas Christian University Wiley
Sword, Author & Historian**

**William Glenn Robertson, Director, Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth
James Ogden, Chief Historian, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park
James Stanberry, Professor, Los Angeles Harbor College**

**Lee White, Staff Historian, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park
Chris Young, Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
Evan Jones, Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park**

For registration and program information, please consult our website:

www.chattanooga2009.com

Join us for the 25th Anniversary of the West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference. Sorry, we are unable to accept bank cards of any kind. All Performance features gunfire, explosions and other loud noise. Small children and pets not recommended.

For More Information visit www.civilwardays.net

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



**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE
“GRAND WINTERFEST BALL”
JANUARY 9, 2010
NORWALK MASONIC LODGE
12345 Rosecrans Avenue
NORWALK, CA**

Social hour will be from 6 to 7 pm with a cash bar. A sit down dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 pm

*Dancing will be from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Music by the Occasional Strings
Stephen Crane - Caller*

A limited number of tickets will be sold and will go on sale beginning July 1, 2009.

*Ball tickets purchased before Dec. 12, 2009 are ACWS member \$45.00 per ADULT - after Dec. 12th the price is \$50.00 per ADULT ticket.
Non-ACWS members prices is \$50.00 per adult and after Dec. 12th \$55.00
There are NO REFUNDS AFTER DECEMBER 15TH, 2009*

Kevin Bohn Photography will be pleased to offer on-site portraits

A discount rate of \$99.00 is being given at the Marriott Hotel located at 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, California. For hotel reservations please call (800)228-9290 or (562)863-5555 and mention ACWS for the discounted rates. Please visit www.acws.net for additional information on meal selection and other important information.

With great enthusiasm from our membership it has been requested that we conduct another RAFFLE

*So be prepared to see great prizes at the Ball
Tickets will be \$1 and 6 for \$5
Pistol tickets will be \$5 each*

For additional information and questions please email the Committee at winterball@earthlink.net



DINNER MENU

Beef Kabobs Dinner & name of person: #____ Name(s)_____

Veggie Lasagna Dinner & name of Person: #____ Name(s)_____

Total dollars due: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ date rcvd: _____

Name: Mr. / Rank _____ Mrs./Miss: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone # _____ (needed for contact in case of a question!)

Email Address: _____

Mail all checks to:
ACWS Grand Winterfest Ball
c/o Samuel Frankl
21910 Germain Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311-2109

Thank you,

ACWS Ball Committee



ACWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009/2010

August 15-16, 2009	Ft. Tejon Invitational	Fort Tejon CA	Ft. Tejon Historical Society Sponsored ACWS Supported
Sept 5-6, 2009	Huntington Beach Civil War Days	Huntington Beach CA Central Park	HBHS Sponsored ACWS Supported
Sept 12, 2009	Riley's Farm	Oak Glen CA	ACWS Sponsored
Sept 13, 2009 10 am	ACWS Board of Directors Meeting	Riley's Farm Oak Glen CA	
Sept 18-20, 2009	Tres Pinos	Hollister, CA	NCWA Sponsored
Sept 26-27, 2009	Acton	Thousand Trails Acton CA	ACWS Sponsored CANCELLED
Oct. 2-4, 2009	Kearney Park	Fresno CA	NCWA Sponsored ACWS Supported
Oct 17-18, 2009	Wooden Nickel	Menifee CA	ACWS Sponsored
Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2009	Spring Mountain Ranch - SMR	Las Vegas, NV	SNLHA Sponsored ACWS Supported
Nov 7-8, 2009	Moorpark	Moorpark CA	Rotary Club Sponsored ACWS Recommend
Jan 9, 2010	ACWS Grand Winterfest Ball	Masonic Lodge Norwalk CA	ACWS Sponsored www.acws.net

Jan 16-17, 2010	Live Fire	El Centro CA	IVLHA Sponsored ACWS Supported
Feb , 2010 TBD	Lincoln Shrine	Redlands CA	ACWS Supported Living History only
Feb 13-15, 2010	Calico	Calico Ghost Town Calico CA	ACWS Sponsored
March 6, 2010	Battle of Blythe	Blythe, CA	ACWS Sponsored
March 20-21, 2010	St. Catherine's Military School Event	Anaheim, CA	ACWS Supported Washington Artillery Sponsored
April 3-4, 2010	Prado	Prado Regional Park Chino Hills CA	SCCWA Sponsored ACWS Supported

Links to 2009 Calendar of Events for additional organizations:

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

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

NCWA www.ncwa.org

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

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

Conditions for Event Support

FINAL VERSION (as adopted 1-31-04)

Definitions:

Sponsored events – This event is completely sponsored by the ACWS. We provide insurance, artillery reimbursements, infantry powder issues, approved impressions, provide for command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses required. We contract and control any proceeds. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Co-sponsored events - This event is co-sponsored by the ACWS in association with any other recognized entity. We will provide ACWS member insurance and may provide event insurance at additional cost. (if ACWS event insurance is used, ALL ACWS rules and regulations as published in ACWS gold book SHALL apply). Event will provide artillery reimbursements, infantry powder reimbursements and additional expenses (subject to negotiations) at normal ACWS rates. ACWS will provide approved impressions, provide and/or share command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses negotiated and required. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Supported events – ACWS provides auxiliary support for this event. ***We provide liability insurance for our registered members only,*** we can not provide event insurance. ACWS provides no artillery reimbursements, no infantry powder issue. ACWS recommends inclusion of our impressions (i.e. Grant/Lee) and shares command positions. ACWS advertises event in the ACWS newsletter. We may receive proceeds from this event by agreement.

Conditions for support:

- 1) All members of ACWS will be accepted without exception.
- 2) Artillery guns will be guaranteed at least 2ea. Confederate and 2ea. Union for ACWS full sized guns (batteries to be determined by ACWS).
- 3) Artillery powder reimbursement will be paid to ACWS guns at the same rate as those applied to *any and all other* full sized cannon participating in the event.
- 4) ACWS units will be held within one cohesive military unit (brigade/battalion etc.) and be commanded by ACWS command structure.
- 5) ACWS command staff (U.S. and C.S.) will be included in scenario planning.
- 6) Participating ACWS members will adhere to ACWS safety rules and regulations. These rules and regulations will supersede any other event rules for our members.
- 7) ACWS will be allowed to establish and staff an informational/promotional booth at this event.

***Recommended events* – ACWS will list this event in our calendar. NO ACWS INSURANCE WILL APPLY.**

REENACTING 101

Civil War Reenactment is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States, and with good reason. Not only does it reinforce our sense of pride in our heritage, but it's something in which the entire family can participate. It's educational and, finally, it's a great way to escape the worries of today and "pretend" in the great outdoors.

Beginners should start by attending [Civil War Reenactments](#) and observing what goes on. Get a feel for the atmosphere and conditions of a living history event before you rush to buy vintage style military uniforms & equipment. Once you're sure that the discomfort (sleeping on cots or bedrolls, wearing uncomfortable clothes, and generally avoiding anything "farby") is worth it, then find a [unit](#) to join.

"Farby" is a Civil War Reenactment term for anything not typical of the period. A plastic mug would be farby as would a polyester uniform since they didn't have polyester in 1861. Wearing historically accurate clothing is essential to your "impression" and attention to details is important, i.e. Civil War soldiers or civilians didn't have digital watches or plastic frame eyeglasses.

There is no age requirement for being a reenactor, but, of course, minors will need to have their parents' approval and support.

For a great description of women's clothing and textiles during the Civil War, read [this](#) by Kathy Dhalle on the Bits of Blue & Gray website.

[James A. Janke](#) at Dakota State University has a site packed with articles, history, and links to all kinds of Civil War resources.

Following are some useful terms to acquaint you with Civil War Reenacting. Used by permission of [Kathleen Smith](#).

Civilian – A person, male or female, who reenacts any non-military impression during Reenactments

C.S. or C.S.A. – Confederate States or Confederate States Army

First-person – When a reenactor speaks to fellow reenactors and the public as a person during the 1860s. They will take on the "persona" of one who is living through the period and will not speak in modern language. They will speak as though the War Between the States is current

Impression – Many reenactors will choose an "impression" during a reenactment. Military reenactors will choose infantry, artillery, cavalry or medical (and a few others such as engineers or sharpshooters) and many will choose a civilian impression. While doing their "impression" many will do a "first-person" impression

Muster – A gathering, especially of troops, for service, inspection, review or roll call.

Reenactor – A person, male or female, dedicated to recreating the War Between the States or Civil War. Most will sleep/camp at the reenactment event

Sutlers – Merchants who followed troops during the actual War. Also, merchants who set up during reenactments and sell period-style goods to reenactors and the public

Units – Groups of reenactors who participate as an actual unit that fought during the War, i.e., the 7th Texas Infantry, Washington Artillery or the 8th Alabama



~4th Annual~
Civil War Days in the Battle Born State
Southwest Invitational Reenactment

SPENCER & JACKSON

PERIOD HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

PERIOD MASQUERADE BALL SATURDAY EVENING

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

RAFFLE PRIZES AND OTHER AMENITIES TBA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY (ACWS.NET)
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The American Civil War Society's

2009 Southwest Invitational Civil War Reenactment

October 30 - 31 & Nov. 1, 2009, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Las Vegas, Nevada

Participant Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

I am a combatant with (circle one): US Unit CS Unit US Unattached CS Unattached

I am a civilian reenacting with (circle one): Civilian Towne US Unit CS Unit

Unit Name, Association, and State: _____

Commander's Name, Email, and Phone: _____

I am the driver of a vehicle and will need a vehicle Pass (circle one): Yes No

Carpooling is encouraged. If you do not have a vehicle pass, you will have to pay a \$10 State Park fee per car for the weekend. Please do not ask for a vehicle pass unless absolutely necessary, as we have to reimburse the State Park for every pass.)

Interested in purchasing a souvenir tee shirt?

Reserve yours now for \$12 each by filling out the section below. Shirts will only be printed in the quantities pre-paid and pre-ordered 30 days before the event. Additional orders may be paid for onsite. Please make checks or Money Orders to the ACWS. Please reserve me the following souvenir shirt(s):

Artillery

Qty	Size	Total
____	XXL	_____
____	XL	_____
____	L	_____
____	M	_____
____	S	_____

Cavalry

Qty	Size	Total
____	XXL	_____
____	XL	_____
____	L	_____
____	M	_____
____	S	_____

Infantry

Qty	Size	Total
____	XXL	_____
____	XL	_____
____	L	_____
____	M	_____
____	S	_____

Civilian

Qty	Size	Total
____	XXL	_____
____	XL	_____
____	L	_____
____	M	_____
____	S	_____

Please complete and mail after June 1, and before October 1, 2009 to:

Jason Coffey

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Las Vegas, NV 89128

Please email questions or answers to: jayne921@yahoo.com or call (702) 354-6875