

~THE CALL TO ARMS~



NEWSLETTER OF THE COMSTOCK CIVIL WAR REENACTORS

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A Date To Mark!!!

The *Carson City Rendezvous* is a Living History Festival covering all of Carson City's history. The Rendezvous will take place during *June 13-15 (set up 11 or 12 June) at Mills Park on Hwy 50 east (aka E. Williams Street). This is the 25 year anniversary of the event.*

Thus far there are two (2) hotels in town offering discounts:

1. Plaza Hotel, 801 S. Carson St., 775 883-9500 (mention the discount code- "RENDEZVOUS PARTICIPANT")
2. Gold Dust West, Hotel, Casino and RV Park, 2171 US Hwy 50 East, 775 885-9000 and 1-877-519-5567 (discount code "CIVIL WAR REENACTORS"). The Gold Dust has reserved a block of ten (10) rooms and ten (10) RV spaces. Rooms range from \$76 - 85. for Deluxe King to \$99 to 126. for mini-Queen suite. The prices are higher on Fri-Sat. The mini-Queens are w/Jacuzzi (108. - 126.), and w/out Jacuzzi (\$99 - 108.). Tons of amenities, great coffee shop, swimming pool, bowling alley, to name a few. For the Good Sam RV Park call 1-877-519-5567, ext 3443. Rates are \$23 for 30 amp and \$25 for 50 amp.

Parking at Mills Park will be a challenge, but I have reserved six (6)

spaces for RVs at the Park, and two (2) handicap. Only above ground fires are permitted. We have a large encampment area with trees on the far southeast corner of the park. Take Saliman street from Hwy 50 east for the closest entrance.

The Yankee Reb and the Civil War Courier are scheduled to be present. The Fife & Drum corps will be encamped with us as well.

The Battle schedule is:

Saturday 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm.
Sunday one battle at 11:30 am. Contact Bill Anderson or Jack Eaves regarding battle plans (big cannon involvement)

Other events:

Big pot-luck dinner planned for Friday night, so please bring a side dish, meat is being provided; Victorian Dance on Saturday night with Gus the dance master; Sunday morning church service; lots of time for living history and tons of time for all of you to join in the Rendezvous festivities.

Rendezvous activities:

Friday night big concert - Michael Martin Murphy w/ Dave Stamey & Richard Elloyan. (50% discount tickets are avail for participants @ \$10. each. If you want tickets ***I will need monies no***

later than May 21; send to Sunny Spencer, 1109 W. Fourth St, Carson City, NV 89703.)

Lots of entertainment on the main stage - David John & the Comstock Cowboys; Tom Hiatt & the Sundown Riders, and; Sourdough Slim + many more. Also, Stagecoach rides, pony Express riders, Stickhorse Rodeo for the kids, and Horseshoe tournament to name a few. Lots of food and arts & crafts vendors.

Please contact Sunny Spencer, Civil War Coordinator @ 775 220-0505 or sunny1860s@yahoo.com and join us for tons of fun in Nevada's capitol - Carson City.

To see more about the Rendezvous go to www.eventsnevada.com/rendezvous.htm or call 1-800-NEVADA-1 or locally call 775 687-7410.

A Novel Way to Help Someone Who Helps our Troops

Editor's Note: Dear fellow re-enactors, I heard about this operation while listening to the radio this morning. I looked them up on the web to provide you with the information you might want in order to help out. There are currently about 35 animals who have to get out of Iraq before the brutal (125 degree plus) summer months. Turning them out on the streets is a death sentence. This isn't about helping dogs. It's about restoring dearly beloved pets to our soldiers. Think about any donation you might be able to make.

Operation Baghdad Pups began

with an email received on September 11, 2007. The desperate words of the U.S. soldier serving in Iraq told of his desire to get the dog, Charlie, he and his regiment had befriended out of the Middle East before their tour of duty ended. Because it is against regulations for troops to befriend an animal or transport one on a military flight, the likelihood of the determined soldiers succeeding alone seemed doubtful.

Members of this Army regiment discovered the dog earlier that summer while patrolling a dangerous neighborhood on the outskirts of Baghdad. The malnourished and flea covered puppy, no bigger than a baked potato, was scooped up by a soldier who felt sorry for the pitiful orphan. Hidden in a tattered blanket, the puppy was snuck onto the Coalition Outpost. As the soldiers took turns secretly caring for the puppy the strong bond between man and dog grew.

"Taking care of Charlie gave me something to look forward to everyday," one soldier explained. "When all the guys got to playing with him we forgot where we were, the horrible things we had seen, and what we still had to go through. Charlie definitely made our time in Iraq more bearable. He was like a welcomed piece of home right here in the midst of Baghdad."

Abandoning Charlie in this war ravaged country, consumed in hatred and destruction, would have meant certain death for him. "We all made him a promise that we would not give up. We'd find a way somehow to get him to a better life in the states," the soldier wrote in that first email.

How could SPCA International not

intervene?

Operation Baghdad Pups has now successfully rescued Charlie and other dogs befriended by our troops, out of Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the logistics of moving animals from a war zone to a new home are extremely complicated and expensive.

With each rescue, the **Operation Baghdad Pups** team repeatedly beats the odds, but the challenges are still very much a reality. Soon after Charlie's rescue, SPCA International heard from many more military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan hoping for assistance. Before long, SPCA International had over 35 active cases and that number continues to grow daily. Every case is funded from generous donations from people like you.

An email we received from one soldier says it all,

"I have sacrificed a lot to serve my country. All that I ask in return is to be allowed to bring home the incredible dog that wandered into my life here in Iraq and prevented me from becoming terribly callous towards life."

To learn more and find out how to help in this effort, go to the SPCA website and click on "Baghdad Pups".

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