



Call to Arms (April, 2007)

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From the Desk of the Editor...

Greetings! First and foremost, there's been a little bit of confusion over my e-mail. It's now robtrain@verizon.net. Secondly, don't expect any replies from me starting on Saturday the 7th to Saturday the 14th. I will be on a mission trip in Mexicali, building an orphanage from the ground up. Stay safe and I'll see you at Red Bluff!

Announcements

- **Searching for Lost Comrades**

A number of our members have gone absent without leave! If you have contact information for a member that you know has moved or changed e-mail address in the past year, please get their updated contact information to Jeff Kuhn at jobwabe@hotmail.com
 Thanks!

Corporal Gookin

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- Upcoming event: Red Bluff, CA (April 27-29). Look at this link for further details: <http://www.racw.org/Events/DogIsland.htm>.

- April 7th, there is a Civilians' Seminar from 9AM to 4PM at the Delta in Virginia City. A full tea will be provided at lunchtime. Period attire is preferred but not required.

Civilian Corner

Dearest Friends,

I regret to report that the war is commencing again with the soft spring weather. Morning reveille wakes us early now and units are being sent to different locations to respond to the army's needs. For those of us traveling with a particular brigade this means packing up all we own and starting the terrible waiting for the wounded and casualties to come back from the engagements.

Last weekend our outfit sent some units to the Woodson Bridge skirmish. Our boys were terribly brave and amazingly the casualties and wounded were so much less than expected. Our 4th Virginia joined the 1st Texas as they held off the 72nd New York with a few of the 81st Pennsylvania backed by heavy artillery. The colorful flags of both sides waved dramatically in the mild breeze and I was again reminded we are fighting a war of brother against brother- Americans one and all. Our boys looked so stalwart and ready for what ever will come there way. The cavalry, as always, was dashing. Artillery batteries are surely the most fearful weapons on the field and cause the greatest damage. As there were more non-

combatants than expected the work load was lighter than usual and gave me a chance to write.

A day of waiting for all the troops to arrive allowed the ladies of the Christian and Sanitary Commissions to learn from Sister Sara, just returned from a leave how to make the latest in fashion- the ribbon snood. They are so lovely and we can make them from the trim on our worn-out dresses. Any hint of fashion news is eagerly and gratefully received even in the midst of war. We all pour over every magazine or letter from home.

The tragedy of war is often ameliorated in camp by the humor, kindness and good manners of one and all. Even the farm boys have been taught at their mother's knees those tenets of a code of conduct that reflect in the courtesy with which all ladies are treated.

There is a seminar (9am-4pm, upstairs at the Delta Saloon) for civilians in Virginia City, Nevada next Saturday April 7, and I hope to see some of you I have not seen for months and missed mightily. A marvelous Tea/ Luncheon (no charge) is promised and witnessing the Easter Parade from the balcony of the Delta will be an enviable treat those hosting the gathering are hoping everyone will bring information to share and the ladies are looking to purchase new or used dresses. They have brought in an expert on the self tying of our main

support garment but I have been assured that neither corsets nor dresses are required. This coming together will allow us to start the new season with a lift to our step and gladness in our sorely tried hearts. Some of our brothers and sisters have left but those who remain are stalwart in their commitment to the cause.

There is a major battle coming at the end of this month. Fortunately, it will be a distance away in Red Bluff, California. Yet we will all be impacted by the intensity of this engagement. There are rumors that the Union has a mighty force ready to repel any CSA attempts to win the day, yet the Rebs have a full canon battery this time, which just might equal the forces.

Hopefully we will have a full compliment of non-combatants to aid in caring for the wounded, caring for the souls of our men in uniform and helping the tavern to accommodate tired soldiers. I am looking forward to seeing a large group attend the local school day on Friday April 27th. Friends have indicated the local ladies and the Union Infantry will be hosting a pot luck dinner on Friday night- hoping the visitors will bring salad and side dishes as the artillery will be providing drinks and snacks, with the CSA troops bringing dessert.

*I close with affection and respect, yours in service,
Miss Izabella Civilian Commander*

2007 Calendar of Events

April

27-29 - Red Bluff (Dog Island) Reenactment (with RACW)

May

5 - Board Meeting

June-July

June 2 - Board Meeting

June 29-July 1 - Mohawk Valley Reenactment

July 4 - Virginia City Parade

July 27 - Board Meeting

August

(TBA) - Fallon Reenactment

24 - Board Meeting

September

1-3 - Virginia City Reenactment

28 - Board Meeting

October

5-7 - Gardnerville Reenactment

27 - Nevada Day Parade

26 - Board Meeting

27-28 - Las Vegas Reenactment

November

23 - Board Meeting

December

1 - Sparks Parade & Virginia City Parade

15 - Christmas Ball (Board Meeting)

Events of Interest

“Do you remember at FMA last fall we were talking about Civil War reenactment? Angel Island State Park, in San Francisco Bay has the remains of a Civil War garrison, and every year as a special event we reenact a Civil War Land Sea battle (that never happened...but could have!) The dates are June 9th & 10th (Sat. & Sun.), the second weekend in June.

It is really a special event, not just because we get to fire off pistols, muskets and rifles between blues and grays, and not just because we also have a land based artillery battery firing at, and being fired upon by ships under sail off-shore, but also because it is a two day event and that means participants can (if they choose) stay overnight on the island—which is a wonderful experience.

The point of contact at the Park is Ms. Casey Lee. I've called her just to let her know that you and your group may be interested in participating. You can contact her at (415) 789-1384 or calee@parks.ca.gov. Also check out the website, angelisland.org, Civil War days pix, and Camp Reynolds to get the feel of the site."

-Courtesy of Gregor Blackburn

Venture Crew 1861

-Jim Park would like to ask that everyone interested in the Venture Crew to contact him at his e-mail (ppraj1@charter.net) or by telephone at (775)-783-8662.

-There is an event at Eiderweild Park, April 14th. Setup is at 7AM. Requested to be next to building close to cameras. It opens to the public at 8:30. Take down is after 4:00 and goes on until 5:30.

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