



Call to Arms (February, 2007)

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From the Desk of the Editor...

Greetings! Allow me to introduce myself- I'm Robert Park, your new newsletter editor. It's my pleasure and honor to have been offered this position. I hope to go above and beyond your expectations. That's why if you want anything published, have ideas or comments about the newsletter, or need any further information, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at robtrain@charter.net or call me at (775)-783-8662! I look forward to a great year reenacting the Brothers' War with all of you, be you fresh fish or veteran. Stay safe out there, all!

Respectfully,
 Robert Park

PS- PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES ON THE TARDIENESS OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!!

Announcements

- Congratulations to Mike Creager on his success in the Union Brigade elections!
- **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

- New 1st US Sharpshooters website: www.cwrsharpshooters.com

- The Pacific West Coast board meeting has been postponed until March 24Th.

Anyone wishing to implement a change or discuss these regulations is welcome and encouraged to contact me or Jack Eaves before that meeting.

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The agenda includes-:

Cavalry Evaluations and Cavalry Safety Regulations

Ground Charge Safety Regs

New Members to the group- FARA- Laporta's Artillery Group

SSCWA - S.CA Civil War Reenactment Group

The Inclusion of Breach Loading Cannon Rules (my computer went ballistic about color here-sorry)

Artillery Safety Zones

Safety Rules Enforcement - both Internally and Cross

Organizational

2008 Schedules

Identify operational conflicts

Identify key events.

- Feb. 17Th - Misery Cannon Shoot Eureka, CA - Contact Jack Eaves (see above)

- Feb 23rd Board Meeting changed to March 2- Black Bear Restaurant- 7PM

- **For Sale**

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Brigade Reports

Civilian Corner

Dear Family and Friends,

While it is a new year, the war continues in full force and those of us in Winter Camp are doing our best to prepare for the coming conflict. Plans are being laid to build a Tavern close to the military camps. While there are impediments, especially protest from the

Christian Commission and the Sanitary Commission, it seems the Medical Corps does not object at all. Fortunately none of the military units have objected so far.

The Tavern will sell what food stuffs and personal items they can obtain: socks, soap, razors, razors, bread, pickles, tea, tobacco and of course water to name a few. The proprietor is a local woman- her husband having gone to war - and while entering commerce is not conducive to the behavior of a lady, she is clean and appears to be of fairly good character- so far.

Fortunately for the women attached to the military, and officer's wives, the Modise, Mademoiselle Felice, will be creating new gowns again this year and has a shop opening in camp. Mademoiselle has offered to occasionally hostess the teas that are so reviving for the ladies and the gentlemen during the coming season. I believe she has been promised the help of a new face in camp, Mrs. Ber Gissky.

The military do some things so well that I must mention the coming celebration for St. Patrick's Day. We have so many Irish soldiers this is a favorite. The ladies confess to a breathless excitement that a stirring military display always engenders in the feminine heart. It will be a delightful day I am sure in Virginia City. The parade begins at 12 noon and I have heard rumors of local musicians performing a musical recital for all. Our very own Miss Sunny has graciously offered her services in singing up

parade entries. 775-220-5050. I am sure the civilian contingent attached to the camp will do something very special.

The military is preparing a *tour de force* exhibit of their skills at the annual weapons rendezvous. Suttlers from all over come to display their wares at the local watering hole, the Grand Sierra hotel, this April 13, 14 and 15. the military will have their recruiters at the forefront so as to increase the size of our units-may they have good luck. Col. Vic Genovese, 7th Virginia Cavalry and Private Mike Berdan, U.S> Sharpshooters are in charge of the recruiting booth. It is rumored that Bloody Bill will be there, with cannon, to snare some artillery recruits.

There is also, the same weekend on that Saturday, a display at our own Idyllwild Park for the local teenage children. The goal, I believe, is the same, to enlist more strong and healthy recruits for the coming conflagration. Several of the ladies hope to have some of the military gentlemen to aid them at the Park in this endeavor Miss Maryanne Berdan, Jeannette McHugh 787-0900 and Regina Haynes 787-1111 are in charge of this patriotic effort .

We all seem to have weathered the winter with a few hard times but everyone here remains in good health. There is much excitement about the upcoming tactical tour at Fort Churchill to prepare for the next battles, if the bureaucrats will allow the army the support facilities for such a venture. It is shaping up to be an exciting adventure. The dashing Trooper Staples is in charge. I believe I heard a mention of the first weekend in April as a possible date.

Yet another exciting but quite dangerous event is the mass movement of the entire camp to Red Bluff, CA to the Dog Island Park. It has been related that enemies have been spotted near there and reinforcements are desperately needed. As this is so far away, I am afraid the troops will not get there until late April. A school day for the local children is on the Friday the 27th and I believe there will be terrific battles that weekend – our first this season.

There are already several of our sister Commissions, nurses and other ladies at Dog Island is a permanent camp. I am sure they will be only too glad to have assistance and when safe give us some tea and sympathy. I have heard that our medical group will be in evidence. Forgive me for closing so quickly as the post is going out with the next dispatches and I am afraid they will not wait. The military post is by far the most reliable method of getting a letter home. I miss and love all at home. I remain-

Yours In Service

*Miss Izabella
Civilian Commander*

Union Brigade Report-

Well, everyone in the Union, thank you for your support! I will do my best for us. God save the union and watch over President Lincoln.
Mike Creager,
Union Brigade Commander

Confederate Brigade Report-

No report available. Sorry, folks!

2007 Calendar of Events

March

- 2** - Board Meeting (open to all members)
- 17** - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Virginia City
- 23** - Board Meeting
- 31 - April 1** - Spring Tactical, Fort Churchill, Nevada

April

- March 31 - April 1** - Spring Tactical, Fort Churchill, Nevada
- 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 re-enactment? Angel Island State Park, in San Francisco Bay has the remains of a Civil War garrison, and every year as a special event we re-

enact 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 greys, 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.

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