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NEW CONFEDERATE RAFFLE TICKET POLICY - As noted previously, members earn raffle tickets at events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the ACWS. We now have a couple of events that are three-days long, Calico/Vail Lake. To recognize and thank those members of the ACWS that stay over for the third day, they will be issued two tickets if they attend the event on Monday. Also, if there is an event that comes up in the future where there is a 'school day' on Friday or another event with battles on Monday (like Vail Lake in May) two tickets will be provided to those that come out on those days. We will also provide tickets to those attending if there is an event that is 'supported' by the ACWS (Ft Tejon Invitational, Prado, etc.) and if the ACWS Battalions (Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry) are allowed to fight as a Battalion under their normal commanders. Will be working with overall Confederate Commanders at these events to see they are agreeable that the ACWS Battalions can fight as a group under their commanders (Major Collins, LC Peca, and Major Stytle). Units are still responsible to ensure morning reports are forwarded up the chain of command to Division Staff so we can track those that attend events.

LOST AND FOUND COLUMN - At the Calico event, found, two items - One on the dance floor after the dance on Saturday night and one in/near the street near the Confederate Camp (near 8th La Camp). IF you think these are yours, let me know. If I don't hear from anyone, it'll go into the sale box for the next swap meet.

PAST EVENTS -

March 16-17 - St Cat's - Annual event in Anaheim. Mostly living history and answering questions from students from St Cat's and surrounding School Districts.

March 16-17 - Picacho Peak, Arizona Territory. Tom Atkins (Co E, 8th La) went and cobbled together a small South California group.

April 6-7 - Prado Park - Annual event. Congratulations to 2nd Kentucky for winning 'most authentic' camp,

April 20-21 - Fairview Park - Sorry to bug out on Saturday afternoon, had one of those perfect storms come together, which including working with broken toes. Good event. Even had a payday for those on the Confederate side. Thanks to Scott Peca for taking over.

FUTURE EVENTS - A wide variety of activities are coming up in the local area for the next three or four months. Besides reenactments, there will be living histories, period holiday celebration, and live fire opportunities. A good variety of events one can take advantage of in the next few months.

Memorial Day Weekend, 25th to 27th. - Vail Lake, Temecula, Ca. Three days of events. We are working on the schedule and hope to have it out shortly. There will also be a concert (Montgomery Gentry), 21-gun salute by use, food truck competition, and 15,000 spectators!!! Good time to recruit. Previously sent out were tentative event schedule and aerial photo of camp sites and such (this to Company Commanders).

150TH GETTYSBURG EVENT - The event seems to be getting together. From review of the event web site, many permits and permissions have been obtained. The BGA event will be held on the last weekend in June 2013, the 27th through 30th. For those going Confederate at the BGA event, and want more information please contact:

Going Infantry - Keith Harriott - keithharriott@hotmail.com; or
James R Tebbetts - latigerreb@yahoo.com

Right now, for the 8th Louisiana alone, we have 16 registered with another 20 stating they will be

going, but have not registered. Woo Woo, 36 from the 8th possible. If you or unit will be falling with the infantry, let Keith or myself know. Total registrants is at the 6,000 level in mid-April, 2013. IF you are attending and falling in with Keith Harriott's Company let Keith or myself know so we can get morning reports together for the event.

Going Cavalry (Mounted/Dismounted) - Scott Pica - m.peca@aol.com (Note new email, old one got hacked - he is not in England and did not get thugged up. Did not do a count, but looks like about 30 or so from South California going from the dis-mount side of the house.

Going Artillery - Bob Hays - 760-353-7777

When I last chatted with Bob, he had a 'battalion' of artillery going (7-8 guns), from North and South California batteries

For those wanting to go to the BGA event -

Web Site: <http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com>

Registration Page: <http://cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=9>

For those going infantry, if we could get a couple of flys, with 4'-5' poles to go back, it would help with coverage from sun and any rain that might occur. For purposes of this event, figure 150-200 rounds should be made up, packed, and secured to be sent back there. Uniform standards can be found at - <http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com/confederate-authenticity-guidelines.html>.

Battle Reenactments and Times: Thursday: Off Schedule Reenactment - Time and Battle TBD; Friday: 830-1130-Burford's Stand, Railroad Cut, and McPherson's Ridge. 7-9 - Culp's Hill and East Cemetery Hill; Saturday: 10-11 - Hanover Cavalry Battle. 2-6 - Devil's Den, Little Round Top, Wheatfield, and Peach Orchard; Sunday: 10-noon - East Cavalry Field and 1220 Pickett's Charge.

Other Events: Sunday Church Services: Sunrise Episcopal Church Service at the "Wall;" 8 am Period Catholic Mass officiated by Father Corby in the Irish Brigade camp; with additional church services in the camps to be announced. Misc Stuff of Interest at Speaker's/Events Tent: Music, Authors and Demonstrations. Friday a Ball at 8pm and Saturday a Ball at 8 PM

Gear Transport - Don't forget to get your RSVP's in for transporting of equipment, rounds, and caps. Added another driver to the mix. To RSVP to get you gear taken back let the following know:

Sgt May Ray Daniels of ACWS Infantry Battalion - RebSgtMjr@verizon.net

Cpl. Jeff Alexander of 2nd Kentucky - (From LC Scott Peca the following is provided: "Greetings Gentlemen, Cpl. Jeff Alexander of 2nd Kentucky will be driving to the BGA event at Gettysburg June 27 - 30 he will be transporting powder caps and weapons only. If you are interested in contacting him to make arrangements please email him at chickamaugacharlie@hotmail.com . I remain at your service, Lt. Col Scott Peca) .

Contact them before Vail Lake to see what their schedule is. I know Ray will be there, for pick up. After that day you need to make arrangements. Most likely Jeff's will be the same. ALSO, make sure you understand where you need to meet to pickup and drop off rifles/pistols/rounds/etc back at Gettysburg. Those using Ray will do the picking up and dropping off at the Sleep Inn in Emmitsburg, Md.

Old Fort MacArthur Days - 2013 - For those that would like to attend, they are not accepting 'new' units, as they have pretty much filled up the place. But, there is sometimes a but; you can fall in with one of the units that always attends: Washington Artillery, 1st NC Cavalry, or 8th Louisiana Infantry. The following is written for the 8th Louisiana, but is applicable to those that do infantry and wanting to fall in with them. IF you want to go Artillery or Cavalry, contact the WA or 1st NC. "OFMD for 2013 will be on the dates of July 13th and 14th this year. Again I will be the 8ths representative for this event. A great time for all who went last year. This year will be done the same way as last due to the fort only wants one rep per group. The fee is still \$10.00 for each participant for the weekend and each will be wearing a wrist band to show proof of payment and to identify each participant. The bands must be on your wrist from the time you first walk through the gate till the end of the event- even when you are setting up camp. You must wear your wristband to be in the battles. So again, I will have you send the money directly to me and the names of who is being paid for. I would like to invite the members of the VMI to join us for the fun. However, you will be registered with the 8th Louisiana in this event. We will

have the same camp spot as the past few years. I will send you the info with your band(s). The dead line for payment will be MAY 25th. At that time I will make payment to the fort to get the wristbands. I cannot accept payments after the May 25th date due to the confusion for me last year. I will need a self-address stamped envelope so I can send the band(s) to you. There will be no refund for cancellation of the event after May 25th. I will be sending emails for updates. Please send your payment to: Don Black - 8th Louisiana (6714 E. Driscoll St. Long Beach, Ca. 90815 Phone (562)708-6932" Don may not make it to Vail Lake, so I will be taking envelopes containing - money, stamped return envelope, names of those attending. I will send to Don on Tuesday after Vail Lake. IF Don makes it, he will only be there on Saturday. The monies for Don are for Infantry only. IF you want to attend and are cavalry, see 1st NC as they sometimes attend. IF you want to go as artillery, see Washington Artillery.

2nd US Dance - July 27, 2013 - Yorba Linda GC. Annual event. If interested go the www.2ndcavalry.org for information on costs, meal selection, directions and the like.

43RD BATTALION VIRGINIA CAVALRY, CSA

A SHORT HISTORY



Confederate Cavalry Colonel John S. Mosby and some of his men-

Top row (right to left): Lee Herverson, Ben Palmer, John Puryear, Tom Booker, Norman Randolph, Frank Raham.

Second row: Robert Blanks Parrott, John Troop, John W. Munson, John S. Mosby, Newell, Neely, Quarles

Third row: Walter Gosden, Harry T. Sinnott, Butler, Gentry.

The 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, also known as Mosby's Rangers, Mosby's Raiders or Mosby's Men, was a battalion of partisan cavalry in the Confederate army during the American Civil War. Noted for their lightning strikes on Union targets and their ability to consistently elude pursuit, the Rangers disrupted Federal communications and supply lines. The 43rd Battalion was formed on June 10, 1863, at Rector's Cross Roads, near Rectortown, Virginia, when John S. Mosby formed Company A of the battalion. Mosby was acting under the authority of General Robert E. Lee, who had granted him permission to raise a company in January 1863 under the Partisan Ranger Act of 1862, in which the Confederate Congress authorized the formation of such units. By the summer of 1864, Mosby's battalion had grown to six cavalry companies and one artillery company, comprising about 400 men. After February 1864, the Confederate Congress revoked the authority of all partisan units, except for two, one of which was the 43rd Battalion. The battalion never formally surrendered, but was disbanded on April 21, 1865, after General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, but not before attempting to negotiate surrender with Major General Winfield S. Hancock in Winchester, Virginia. Exactly what to call the Confederate 43rd Battalion was controversial in their own day. Were they soldiers, partisan rangers, or (in the Union view) unsoldierly guerrillas hiding among civilians, simply a loose band of roving thieves? According to the memoirs of one of Mosby's men, John Munson, Mosby himself avoided overtly military words like "troops" or "soldiers" or "battalion" in favor of the more comradely "Mosby's Men" or "Mosby's command". The Yankees and Northern newspapers referred to them as guerrillas, a term of opprobrium at the time. Munson reports "the term (guerilla) was not applied to us in the South in any general way until after the war, when we had made the name glorious, and in time we became as indifferent to it as the whole South to the word Rebel."

