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**THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
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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 (1 861 – 1865) and the issues they faced during that conflict.

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Union Division:

Division Commander – Lt. Col Gary Iverson

Adjunct – Capt. David Crichton

Infantry Brigade Commander – Major Keith De Luca

Artillery Brigade Commander - Major Scott Simmons

Cavalry Brigade Commander - 2nd Lt. Robert Kuehl

Division Chaplain - Capt. Tony Delgadillo

Confederate Division:

Division Commander - Lt. Colonel Keith P. Harriott

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**ACWS Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting
December 6, 2008 11:00 am
Old Spaghetti Factory**

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

Looks like the varmints at Thousand Flies got even with us at Acton II! They passed the word onto their fellow pests, the bees. (I really think they are wasps) and we were surrounded by them at Acton II. Fortunately, they are not aggressive and do not have a really potent venom but they sure did cause a concern to those who are allergic to bee stings. Mrs. Lincoln had to pull out Saturday to get her dog to a vet. Other than that a typical nice event with very good weather.

Make note on the remaining year calendar that the LA Habra event on October the 18th has been canceled and our next event is Spring Mountain Ranch in Las Vegas. Fuel prices have dropped a bit so it will be a cheaper ride to go to a great event and still have time to run over to Vegas and make your fortune!

The American Heritage Festival will be held **Nov. 14th-16th** at Queen Creek Arizona. Quite a few of our members support this event and it is a worthwhile event to attend! More info is on our announcements section of the newsletter and registration info is at www.americanheritagefestival.com. I tried my best to find a phone number for our non computer folks to call but I could not find it. I hope unit commanders who have been there will get the info out to their troops.

Of course we all know about our Ball on **January 10, 2009** there was a registration form in last issue of the newsletter.

January 17-18 2009 is also the 10th year of the Live Fire event put on by the Imperial Valley Living History Assoc. and is open to ACWS and invited parties. Put this on your calendar if you want something far more interesting than shooting at paper! (Bring warm clothes!)

February 7, 2009 is the annual Lincoln Shrine Pilgrimage Parade sponsored by the Boy Scouts and it is followed as usual by the Shrine's annual Living History event at the Shrine. We are really going to support this worthwhile group. Shawn Stiger is the front man for this and registration info will be out soon.

CALICO! Feb 14,15 and 16 really fills out this Month! Celebrate Presidents day and Valentines Day all in the same weekend! Man! It don't get better than this!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Some major changes on the Board, we have some vacancies to fill. Steve Bogdan has resigned as Vice President. We need to fill this position with some one who understands the role of a corporate officer in addition to the duties as outlined in our by laws. Someone who is interested in forwarding the interests of the ACWS, working with the Board as a team member and not interested in politics.

Also Debbie Bogdan has resigned as Membership Director. She has done a great job and leaves a very organized set of "Books". The duties of this position are the typical membership chair duties in addition to making arrangements for a membership booth (or table) at events.

Our very capable Confederate Commander Keith Harriott will be resigning after Calico 2009. I do not have to tell you all what a great job he has done with the Confederate Brigade. He will leave a large set of shoes to fill but the enthusiasm he has generated for the ACWS within the brigade will help a great deal to the new Brigade Commander.

If you are interested in any of these positions, wish to nominate someone, or wish more information please contact me at denubilo@adelphia.net I have listed the By-laws for each position for the purpose of information to any perspective candidates.

Thank you and see you at Spring Mountain Ranch

Paul DeNubilo

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT - In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The Vice President will make him or herself available for inspections of potential event sites.

The Vice President shall solicit corporate sponsors and donations.

SECTION 10. DUTIES OF MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - The Membership Director shall collect fees associated with the membership in A.C.W.S.; Provide and have available for distribution current membership cards to those accepted and paying for a current membership; Collect fees at events where event fees are applicable, and distribute event cards to those paying the required fees; Keep and maintain a membership list containing the name and address of each and any member, updating as required and, in the case where any membership has been terminated, he or she shall record such fact in the membership list together with the date on which such membership ceased. This membership list shall be available upon request to the Board of Directors or those approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall approve alteration of membership forms.

In addition, the Membership Director shall maintain accurate records for collection of any and all fees, and forward said monies to current treasurer;

Provide address labels for newsletters and mailings;

Provide tax identification number of A.C.W.S. organization to members when necessary; and

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

SECTION 13. DUTIES OF UNION AND CONFEDERATE DIVISION COMMANDERS

The Division Commanders shall co-ordinate all events as directed by the Board of Directors. They will work with Brigade Commanders in reference to military matters.

In addition, they shall be a vehicle in which combatants can introduce ideas, concerns and suggestions to the Board;

Responsible to ascertain that all aspects of events are within the guidelines of the A.C.W.S. Bylaws and Rules and Regulations;

Make recommendations to the Board of Directors for revision of the rules of participation for military camp life and battlefield conduct, including but not limited to, rules of safety, authenticity, rank ratio, and proper conduct for military participants;

Responsible for the appropriate initial disciplinary action for violation of A.C.W.S. Rules and Regulations or Bylaws and shall notify the Brigade Commanders and the Board of Directors of such action;

Be the point of contact for any new units wishing to join A.C.W.S. and will screen and make recommendations to the appropriate Brigade Commanders and the Board of Directors;

Be available for inspections of potential event sites;

Supervise and direct the Safety Officer; Incident reports from the Safety Officer are to be filed and followed up by the Board of Directors as necessary.

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

MILITARY DISPATCHES

The section is dedicated to all military troops of the ACWS. All forthcoming messages to the troops from the Commanding Officers of reports for upcoming events and engagements are subject to change

CONFEDERATE COMMANDS

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legion,

It is with great sorrow that I announce my resignation as Confederate Commander of the ACWS effective at the close of Calico. This is not an easy decision for me as I have enjoyed said position for more than eight years. I have come to know and respect so many within the rank and file and around the camps during this time. I have never had anything but extreme pride in all of you and what we have been able to build together on the southern side of the ACWS. I never thought I would be writing this letter to all of you as I imagined I would be in this position for a very long time. My decision has nothing to do with the men and women of the Legion. I simply have grown weary of being a ACWS board member and all the politics that most of you never have to see. I will do my best to see that a quality individual is recommended to the board as my replacement. I trust that all of you will show him the same kindness and respect always shown to me.

I am looking forward to re-joining the ranks after so many years! My initial plan is to be the roving Hobo next year joining what ever unit will have me event to event. I may at some point look at starting a new unit from the ground up as that is one thing I always wanted to try but never had the opportunity. I will also continue to lead a company somewhere back east each year for those that want to attend the big events. I just am looking forward to having fun once again running around the battlefield! Please be patient with me as some say I make a lousy private!

Selfishly, I would love for every one who ever was once a part of the Brigade/Division or Legion to come on out to Calico 09' so that we can all be together one last time as I stand before all of you for the last time. Calico has always been one of my favorite events and I can think of no better venue to be with all of you one last time as your commanding officer. Please join me at Calico 09' if you can!

Again, it has been an honor and my privilege to be your commanding officer all these years. I still stick by my words that you are the finest group of individuals west of the Mississippi. I will take with me nothing but the fondest memories of y'all. Take care and I will see you on the battlefield!

Your Humble Servant,

Lt. Colonel Keith P. Harriott
Commanding ACWS Confederate Legion

UNION COMMANDS

From the ACWS Union Headquarters

MY THANKS

As most of you know we have had some challenges this year. However, I am pleased to say that with the cooperation of many people, the ACWS Union Division is fully staffed and running smoothly. Thanks to the help of Captain Dave Crichton the event planning, camp set up, planning, and paperwork (tracking) has never been better.

Major Keith De Luca has displayed some innovative and fun scenarios and provided a welcoming environment for all reenactors at ACWS events. Major De Luca is aided by Lieutenant Vincent Fernandez and Sergeant-Major David Fernandez. Together this team within the ACWS Infantry Brigade has formed a solid team that I am extremely proud of.

Major Scott Simmons and Sergeant-Major Doug Carroll have also displayed an outstanding and welcoming environment for all reenactors at ACWS events. In my opinion, the ACWS Artillery Brigade has never been better organized and has never been more fair. Together this duo have worked cooperatively to make the ACWS Artillery Brigade an excellent example of how artillery groups should be conducted, and made events fun again by providing opportunities for challenging scenarios and participation by a wide collection of units.

Finally, my thanks to Lieutenant Bob Kuehl for his help and advice in dealing with Mounted Cavalry. Bob has helped me understand the issues and considerations that those on horseback have. I look forward to working with Bob and other Mounted Cavalry units to incorporate them into as many events and creative scenarios as possible.

Together those listed above have created an ACWS Union Division which, in my opinion, has never functioned better. Again, my many thanks to all these wonderful folks who have turned around the ACWS Union Division and made the ACWS events enjoyable, fun, and welcoming to all our fellow reenactors. Make up your own mind, give us a try, and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

LOOKING FORWARD

Just a reminder for folks to plan on attending the ACWS Red, White, and Blue Ball on January 10, 2009 – Live Fire on January 16-18, 2009 – and Calico on February 13-16, 2009. As always we will be asking folks about their attendance before events so we can make plans. Your replies are crucial to help us make camp set up and participation fair and enjoyable for everyone. When asked, please respond...it really does make a difference.

I am also pleased to announce that the ACWS Board is working on a great new event at a fantastic venue in March 2009. Unfortunately, the details and agreements for this event are not final yet, and so I can't give you any more detail than this. However, we expect to have the details completed before the end of November and when those final agreements are completed the ACWS Board will be pleased to announce the new event details. I am sure that you will all be pleased with this event, and I can't wait to tell all of you about this exciting new event....it really will be worth the wait.

More on other events in future newsletters.

IN CONCLUSION

If you haven't been to an ACWS event lately I think you will be pleased to see how positive and fun ACWS events have become. The ACWS Union Division is organized, cooperative, and definitely committed toward making the most of your time, energy, and finances by providing events that are stress free and harken back to the reason all of us joined this hobby in the first place...to enjoy what we do with people that are friendly in a relaxed atmosphere. All the hassle and politics are gone...the only thing missing is you.

Respectfully - Lt. Col. Gary Iverson

CIVILIAN CHATTER

As we entered into the last quarter of 2008, we had a busy September with two events, one at Riley's Farm and another at Thousand Trails, Acton. On Oct. 31 and Nov. 1-2 we are looking forward to our last reenactment of the year at Spring Mountain Ranch near Las Vegas.

LOOKING BACK:

Riley's Farm, Sept. 13th: We had a great turn out of over 50 reenactors for the one day living history event. I would like to thank all the soldiers, who took on civilian personas and participated in the civilian living history program. We were able to fill the upper green area with all sorts of displays including civil war weapons, civil war drums, medical surgery, hand-crank sewing machines, children's tea, army recruiting, mercantile, snake oil salesman, laundress, gaming hall, gunsmith, newspaper correspondent, carpenter, toy maker, and a constable.



In addition Mr. Lincoln, General John Walker and General Jeb Stuart made an appearance. The Rock, a coffee house and amusement parlor made its debut. Thank you, Shelley Peters for narrating the historical clothing presentation and Tom Atkins for being the town crier.



After entertaining the public with our living history program during the day, we were able to kick up our heels with a dinner and dance. On Sunday, Debbie Bogdan, showed us how to make a bizcornus (period pin cushion) and we enjoyed each other's company at a potluck lunch.

Thank you everyone for your participation.

Thousand Trails, Acton 2, Sept. 27-29: Back to the green grass and shade trees of the Thousand Trails in Acton, and unfortunately some unexpected wasp guests. I would like to thank all those who helped with crowd control during the battles, especially Troy Russell, El Roy Coddling, Roseanne Hill, and Jonathan Kleiner and Kathryn Fernand, who helped with each battle.

The Civilian Town included Mrs. Lincoln, The Rock, a newspaper correspondent, a telegraph office, the medical surgeon, and the Tunnel homestead. I would like to thank Toni Van Beveren for narrating the historical clothing presentation. Models Elisha

Smith, Kimberly DeLuca and Janet DeNubilo were stunning. Thank you, Joyce Bolin for hosting the civilian tea and Mary K. Oliver-Miller for a very informative talk about painting as a pastime activity for women of the 1860's. At the dance on Saturday, Steve Crane called the dance for our reenactors and Thousand Trails' campers. It is nice to see a young man willing to take on the duties of caller, so that this part of history can continue to be told.

Thank you, Rev. Holt for presiding over the Sunday morning church services. On Sunday the boy program made its debut. We recruited young men, aged 6-13, both reenactors and the general public. Nine young men, passed the medical exam (had their front teeth), pledged an oath to protect the town and preserve the union, and were issued toy muskets. After receiving some infantry drill instruction, the young recruits were successful in defending the town from invading confederate soldiers. I would like to thank Robert Lujan, members of the 10th New York and the Louisiana Tigers for making this possible. It is my hope that we will be able to continue to develop this program for future events.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Spring Mountain Ranch, Las Vegas, Oct. 31-Nov. 1-2: This is another beautiful site for a reenactment. The Ranch is located against a rock canyon, where the battle noise is reverberated back to us, giving a surround sound-like acoustics. Plans are still underway for the event. Lisa Coffey has volunteered to host a Ladies Tea on Saturday. The Spenser & Jackson troupe will be there to provide Saturday night entertainment. I need volunteers for the ACWS Bucket Brigade (to collect donations from the public after each battle).

Pre-registration is necessary for this event. Registration forms are available on the ACWS website. If you do not pre-register, you will have to pay a parking fee. As with all events, if you are planning to camp and/or set up in the civilian camp area, it is imperative that you let me know so that space is allocated for you. You may let me know through an e-mail, dlsimmon@pacbell.net or phone, (805) 529-3762. I will need to know when you are planning to arrive to set up and how much space you will need.

Red, White & Blue Ball, Jan. 10th, 2009: In response to our members concerns regarding the high cost of the ACWS Grand Ball, the 2009 ACWS Ball Committee worked hard to find a way to lower the costs. The 2009 Ball Committee is pleased to present the Red, White & Blue Ball on Jan. 10th, 2009. The ball will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Downey. The sit down dinner will be catered by Café n'Stuff. You will have to make a choice between and beef dish, chicken dish, or vegetarian dish in advance. Tom Atkins and the Occasional Strings will be providing the dance instruction and music. For ACWS members who purchase their tickets before December 12th, the price is \$45 per person. That price includes your dinner and dance. There is free parking available. For those who are interested, we have also negotiated at special rate of \$99 per night at a nearby Marriott Hotel. So dust off that ball gown, give your uniform a good cleaning and start the New Year off by joining us at the Red, White & Blue Ball!

Donnalee Simmons,
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**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE
“RED, WHITE AND BLUE BALL”
JANUARY 10, 2009
NOR WALK MASONIC LODGE
12345 Rosecrans Avenue
NORWALK, CA**

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

*Dancing will be from 8:30pm to 11:30pm
Dance Master, Capt. Tom Atkins
Music by the Occasional Strings*

A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Ball tickets purchased before Dec. 12, 2008 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
NO REFUNDS AFTER DECEMBER 15TH, 2008*

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*

Tri-Tip Beef Dinner & name of person: #___ Name(`s) _____

Chicken Dinner & name of person: #___ Name(`s)

Eggplant Parmesan Dinner & name of Person: #___ Name(`s)_____

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

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

Mailing address: _____

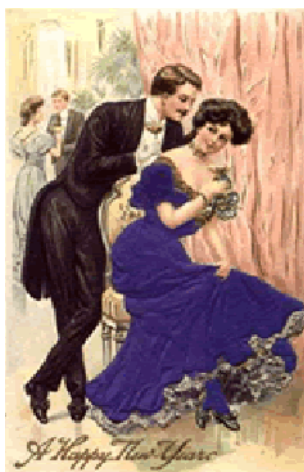
Phone # _____ (needed for contact in case of a question!)

Mail all checks to:
ACWS Red White & Blue Ball
c/o Samuel Frankl
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acwsredwhiteandblue@earthlink.net

Thank you,

ACWS Ball Committee



**The American Civil War Society, Inc. (www.acws.net)
Presents:**

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH EVENT

This is an American Civil War Reenactment designed to encourage participation and growth of the hobby throughout the Southwest United States. While primarily for AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, and UT – it is open to other groups as well. The State Park is just past Redrock Station Casino in West Las Vegas.

**Park Maps and Information:
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park**

P.O. Box 124

Blue Diamond, NV 89004

<http://parks.nv.gov/smr.htm#HIS> or call (702) 875-4141

OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1 AND 2, 2008

Nevada Day weekend

We are planning:

2 Battles on Saturday

- Saturday evening period Dance and Music
 - Sunday morning Church services
- A single battle Sunday at Noon, to accommodate travel times home
 - Sunday drawings for: *Musket and Pistol*
- Period Ration Call available by pre-arrangement (*Deadline October 1st*)
 - Reimbursements for artillery, infantry and mounted cavalry

Hosted by:

The American Civil War Society, Inc. (www.acws.net)

The Southern Nevada Living History Association

(www.friendsofthefort.org)

The Nevada Division of State Parks (www.parks.nv.gov)

Contact:

Jason Coffey (SNLHA President) jayce921@yahoo.com or (702) 254-4277

CLASSIFIED SECTION

FOR SALE - GREAT BUY

2 Zouave jackets \$35 each

3 blue stripe Zouave pants \$10 each

Please contact me: Bobbe Jacobs at bobbej@earthlink.net or 818 887 8558

***IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED TO SALE OR
DONATE TO THE ACWS - LIST IT IN THE COMPANY DISPATCH NEWSLETTER***

PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE BOLIN AT

jbolin57@yahoo.com

ANNOUCEMENTS

With the "Ball Season" coming up*, I will be holding a **Sewing Workshop** on Saturday, November 22. (This time I will give you some advance warning. This is the Saturday *before* Thanksgiving) It will be held from 9 AM to 6 PM in the Annex room across the street from Nuevo Community Church, 29734 Nuevo Road, Nuevo, CA 92567. Nuevo is 6 minutes East of Perris off the 215 Freeway. Of course, a corset is the starting point for any period gown. In the next sessions I will then work with you on your individual project, teaching you how to use period techniques to sew beautifully fitted period correct garments. Pack up your sewing machine and put together a dish for lunch and we will have a fun day sewing and chatting. Please let me know if you are interested. ShelleyPeters@verizon.net

Here are the classes you can receive individual instruction on:

Corset Workshop \$120: Sew your own corset, white coutil and all supplies included. (I recommend this before you attempt to sew a day dress or ball gown)

Bodice Fitting \$40: Make a muslin from your favorite day dress or ball gown pattern and have it fitted to your corseted shape (I recommend Truly Victorian). If this gets completed we will go right into the cutting out process.

Bodice Construction \$40: Period techniques taught for a day or ball gown bodice to go over a corseted figure including flat lining, hook and eye closure, boning channels, and piping facings. Supplies will be available for sale.

Skirting the Belle \$40: How to make a skirt (day or ball gown) to go over your hoops with period construction techniques and pleating ideas.

The 5 Foot Pinner Apron \$40: For beginning to intermediate sewers, learn how to use 5 of your sewing machine feet while constructing a pinner apron

Under it All \$40: Chemise for ball gown and drawers for beginning (you have to know how to work your machine) and intermediate sewers .

Wrapper \$40: This requires 7 yds each of fabric and lining. We will use the Past Pattern #807.

UFO \$15: Come and sew for the day and finish the corset you started (let me know if I owe you the rest of the materials).

Sew on your own Project \$10 to help pay for the room.

Bring a Potluck dish to share, your sewing machine and the project you want to work on. We'll have fun and accomplish some sewing! Please let me know if you plan to participate and which class you are interested in doing. I can send you a flyer with more information about each workshop. Supplies (patterns, boning, hook & eye tape, etc.) will be available for purchase. Limit is 10 students.

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Sew Period!

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