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ACWS BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2010 11 am

Masonic Lodge Norwalk CA

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

From the cluttered desk of the President

Many thanks to Joyce for letting me get this in late and I join her on reminding all board members to get something in for the newsletter. I know I am the biggest problem here. October has been incredibly busy for us.

I do not think the Wooden Nickel gained as much as they hoped for by moving to October. The plan was to take advantage of the City hood celebration PR and he did get a lot of calls but the public attendance was about the same. We are negotiating with him about the 2010 schedule now.

Reenactor attendance was down at SMR, no doubt because of the economy. But it looks like the financial picture may be a bit healthier. We still are waiting some small bills.

But there is one thing I noticed and that was the continued attendance of the Louisiana companies! I saw them wherever I went and a big thanks from me and the Board for their continued loyalty to ACWS events. Thank you Tom and thanks to you and all your guys!

We are negotiating still with 2010 events. Costa Mesa wants another, Blythe is fixed and we are trying to get a deal with Acton.

Just a reminder get your Ball tickets and get ready for the Live Fire and Calico.

Paul

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE THREE POSITIONS
OPEN ON THE ACWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (open in February 2010)

CIVILIAN CORP DIRECTOR

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MILITARY DISPATCHES

CONFEDERATE COMMAND:

5 November, 2009
Men of the Confederate Division,

I have start by saying I am so very appreciative of all of the support I have been receiving from you men. The support and prayers I have gotten is so uplifting and yes I feel the strength everyday. I am truly touched by the video sent from Spring Mountain Ranch and the e-mails and cards. It is truly uplifting. I am going to let you know a few things about the situation, it changes daily. I have had a brain tumor removed from on 11/13/2009. It is cancer, and I will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments to control it. The day after the surgery the surgeon said they got all of the mass, but we can never know completely about removal to the cellular level. From the research I have done, that is a big portion of surviving is how much of the tumor was removed. Actually from the research I have done is a lot of recovery is every case individual and not to look at statistics. Almost all of the items for a long term recovery I meet and see no way this illness is going to stop me. This has also been a very spiritual awakening. While in the hospital I asked for only certain people. One was Mr. Harriott, he is one of my spiritual counselors and he made it to pray with me from his mountain through the rain. I have always been blessed in life and always had what I needed, I did not know how to ask the Lord for something because he always had it for me. I had the best neurosurgeon in the area, nurse felt the need to pray for me. I also hand my heart opened up and the Lord said he has bigger purposes for me. I have been receiving messages that are spot on for the situation I had that day. As our great Leaders Lee and Jackson had always said and I will paraphrase, Let God's will be done! I am now fully understanding their beliefs and what made them strong!

With Lee and especially Jackson, they never won a battle, it was God's will! And I know it is God's will I will live through this. All I am going to ask of you men is this, please pray to the Lord as much as you can to remove this illness from my body. Please pray to give my family strength to hold us through the hard times. Many of you remember years ago that my wife survived cancer herself. God kept her around for me and she is my rock! Please give her support as well, she is a very strong woman and I thank Lord everyday she wakes up. The Lord has a purpose for me and that I need to make future plans, those plans are to be there for you men and this division. Thank you for all of your support and prayers!

Your humble and obedient Servant,
Col. J. Shawn Stidger
Commanding ACWS Confederate
Division, Dept. of the Southwest.

11 November, 2009
After Action Report:
Wooden Nickle Ranch

I arrived Friday morning with elements of 1st So. Carolina and reported directly to acting Lt. Col. J. Stytle .He then advised me of a dire situation, due to the previous engagement with the foe our numbers were sparse at best, but as they were all veteran soldiers he (as I) had high hopes for yet another victory. As the boys came in his rang true (exact numbers will follow) besides our Carolinians we had men from both L.A. & Ala. Along with Va. but not much more. With Col. Stidger still recovering from wounds, Mr Stytle assumed over all command with Mr Atkins stepping in to command the infantry (both doing stunning

jobs I must say) so with few a small staff & few men, we all set about planning the enemies demise.

The morning came with a still wind and a sun that seemed to burn down upon us as if made of brass, we formed up, the cannons of Washington Art. erupted and we stepped off. We marched up a small road out over a low rise & into the open where were immediately met with enemy fire from skirmishers placed amongst trees & rocks to our right, we half left wheeled went into a battalion front with one company we pushed the skirmishers back. at this point the enemies main force came out & met us head on, federal guns placed on a hill directly to our front open upon us playing hell on our line. Pressed 2 or 3 times but could neither push the enemy off the field nor rest the hill from those damned guns and were forced to retire from that field of death as we came up that last time I remember Lt. Somers yelling at some fellow to stand tall when I was struck in the shoulder by pistol shot & was removed from the battle. Later that same hellishly hot day, Mr. Stytle &

Mr Atkins set plans again to resume the attack.. Our artillery proceeded our march with a good song from the guns, and we came over that same rise immediately going into battle line. The yanks thinking were up the spout seemed to rush out to our front happily, as we fired upon them repeatedly pressing & being pressed back a company of Virginians Captain Atkins had sent around the hill came out & hit those people right on upon there open flank. The enemy pressed now on 2 sides could do nothing but retreat and die, we swept them from the field, then up the slopes cutting down those men who earlier caused us much grief & took there cannon. I was off to the side and watched as my wounds would not allow me to take the field, at this point I was told I had to leave the field for the closest hospital so I no further information on the battle but am sure the enemy were soundly trounced.

Major Steven Hutton,
Chief of staff. ANV Dept of the Southwest



MILITARY DISPATCHES

UNION COMMANDS:



BRAVE MEN OF THE UNION

CALL TO ARMS!!!!

No reports from the ACWS Union Headquarters:

**RECEIVE \$5.00 DISCOUNT FOR RENEWAL OF ACWS MEMBERSHIP IF
RENEWED BY DECEMBER 31, 2009
(Must be postmarked no later than 12/31/09)**

American Civil War Society Membership Application

Membership Year 1/01/10 thru 12/31/10

Please Complete Parts I, II, III, IV(signed), V, and Sign Liability on Reverse (VI) - Incomplete forms will not be processed

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Part I: Form Use

Single Member (if a minor, on-field sponsor: _____)
Family Membership
Check here to receive Newsletter by Email
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Part II: Primary Member -
Please print clearly

- Combatant**
- Civilian**

Primary Member Name (Last) _____

Name (First) _____

_____ @
Email Address

Mailing Address _____

Primary Member Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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Phone#

Date of Birth (mandatory) (mm-dd-year) - -

Confederate Union Civilian

Part IV: Signatures and Approvals

Unit _____ Commander _____

ACWS Board Approved Special Impression _____

I/We the undersigned, agree to abide by the By-laws, Rules and Regulations governing the American Civil War Society, Inc., and said units thereof and release from any and all obligations. I/We hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, and understand that any false statements or violation(s) of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations governing the American Civil War Society, Inc., will subject me/us to possible disqualification and/or dismissal.

_____ Date

Administrative Use Only

Member ID # _____
Paid Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash

Second Member/Spouse **Combatant -or-** **Civilian**

Part V: Additional Member(s) - Please fill out for each household member over the age of 5 years who is going to participate - Use additional form for more members.

Name (Last) _____

Name (First) _____

Date of Birth (Mandatory for all)

E-mail (if you desire newsletter) _____

Additional Family Member #1 (under 18 years old)

Combatant -or- **Civilian**

Name (Last) _____

Name (First) _____

Date of Birth (Mandatory for all)

E-mail (if you desire newsletter) _____

Additional Family Member #2 (under 18 years old)

Combatant -or- **Civilian**

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Part III: Unit Affiliation (please indicate)

All Primary Members must sign

Name (First) _____

Date of Birth (Mandatory for all)

E-mail (if you desire newsletter) _____

Additional Family Member #4 (under 18 years old)

Combatant -or- **Civilian**

Name (Last) _____

Name (First) _____

Date of Birth (Mandatory for all)

E-mail (if you desire newsletter) _____

American Civil War Society, Inc. – General Release Of Liability And Agreement Not To Sue

Part VI: Because re-enacting is dangerous, all participants and parents of participants assume all risks by signing this General Release.

1. I acknowledge that re-enacting, black powder shooting and related activities are hazardous activities and that I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities despite the risks they may present. In consideration of my being permitted to participated in activities described at this function, I agree to assume ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH which my be associated with, or result from, my participation in the events and activities.
2. I further **Release, Waive, Discharge and covenant not to sue** the American Civil War Society (ACWS), the trustees of, officers of, agents of, employees of, members of, or any other event organizer, owner or leaser of any property on which the event is conducted, from all liability for myself, or any party claiming an interest through myself, whether caused by their negligence or for any other reason, while preparing for, practicing for, traveling to and from, or participating in this event.
3. I further HOLD HARMLESS the parties released above and each of them from loss, liability, damage or claim they may incur due to the presence of my actions during this activity whether caused by their negligence or otherwise.
4. It is the intent of the undersigned that the above release be as broad as allowed by law, and that if any portion is invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. This release is entered into solely for the benefit of the ACWS, its officers, trustees, agents, members and others mentioned above when engaged in activities which promote the participation in this event, or the preparation for or travel to such an event, and does not confer a release upon parties not acting in such a capacity.
5. I understand that this release applies to all parties, including dependent minors, listed below. I attest that all participants in my family for this event are listed below and that I take full responsibility for the safety and behavior of my minor dependent(s).
6. I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the birthdates of the dependent minor children listed in this application are true and correct.
7. I, the undersigned, have read and understand this release and all its terms and warrant that the above is true and correct in all respects and that no representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing have been made. I consent to whatever medical care might be provided or available for injury occurring during the above activities for myself and my minor children. (**Parent to sign along with single minor applicant.)

Print name	**Print Spouse's Name
Signature	**Spouse's Signature

Make Check or Money Order Payable To: ACWS

Membership Fees:

Single Membership.....\$25.00..... \$ _____
 (Newsletter by email only)

-or-

Family Membership.....\$30.00..... \$ _____
 (Newsletter by email only – immediate family only)

**Options -
 Newsletter
 by Postal**

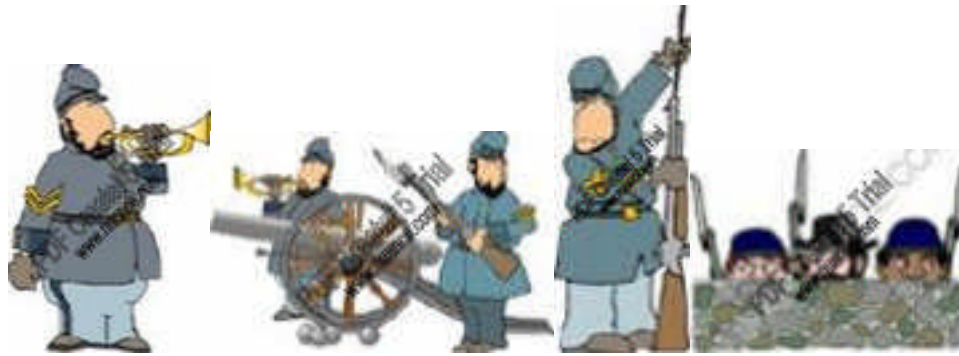
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**YOUR TOTAL FEES DUE AND
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**If Mailing This Application,
 Please Send To:**

**American Civil War Society C/O Sam Frankl
 21910 Germain Street. Chatsworth, CA
 91311**





Lincoln Pilgrimage and Lincoln Shrine in Redlands FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Folks of the Civil War re-enacting world. I have information on this years Lincoln Pilgrimage and Lincoln Shrine in Redlands. The pilgrimage is on February 6th, followed by living history at the Lincoln Shrine. The pilgrimage is about a mile at most, starts at Redlands High School and ends at the Shrine. On February 7th is the annual open House at the Lincoln Shrine. We have for the last several years provided a living history display for the day. We had good success last year event though the weather was not pleasant. Every one that had never been to the Shrine was extremely impressed by it. The 71st Penn. got to see recruiting posters of their California partners and even learned additional information about the Californians in their Regiment. The year before the 2nd U.S. Cavalry was impressed by the Shrine. It is truly and awesome place. It is the largest collection of Lincoln memorabilia west of the Mississippi! Now for some potential great news for us. It will need some definitive action from our members and fellow re-enactors. We can potentially stay overnight, Saturday night in the park at the Shrine. What I need from you folks so they can procure the proper necessities is how many people want to stay overnight. If we can have a good sampling they will provide this for us. This is new for them and we can make a great impression on them and for them. This can be a great recruiting tool as well I know we all have events the following weekend, but the service we provide for the Lincoln Shrine is invaluable to them. They are always very appreciative of what we can do, but the work they do for us in terms of research is irreplaceable. I know this is where I was about to do 50% of the research for McGowan's Sharpshooter Battalion Please contact me if you want to attend, and especially if you can stay overnight. I need to know very soon, because they have to set things up with the city of Redlands. Please let me know by December 13th. If we can get enough to start we can add more later. There is a lot of space for us! My e-mail is: deadreb@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Your obedient servant, Col. J. Shawn Stidger

Civil War "Firsts"

As the breeding ground for modern warfare, the Civil War has long been known for its "firsts." It has been credited with dozens like these:

- A workable machine gun**
- A steel ship**
- A successful submarine**
- A "snorkel" breathing device**
- A wide-ranging corps of press correspondents in battle areas**
- American conscription**
- American bread lines**
- American President assassinated**
- Aerial reconnaissance**
- Antiaircraft fire**
- Army ambulance corps**
- Blackouts and camouflage under aerial observation**
- Cigarette tax**
- Commissioned American Army chaplains**
- Department of justice (Confederate)**
- Electrically exploded bombs and torpedoes**
- Fixed ammunition**
- Field trenches on a grand scale**
- Flame throwers**
- Hospital ships**
- Ironclad navies**
- Land-mine fields**
- Legal voting for servicemen**
- Long-range rifles for general use**
- Medal of Honor**
- Military telegraph**
- Military railroads**
- Naval torpedoes**
- Negro U.S. Army Officer (Major M.R. Delany)**
- Organized medical and nursing corps**
- Photography of battle**
- Railroad artillery**
- Repeating rifles**
- Revolving gun turrets**
- The bugle call, "Taps"**
- The Income tax**
- The wigwag signal code in battle**
- The periscope, for trench warfare**
- Telescopic sights for rifles**
- Tobacco tax**
- U.S. Navy Admiral**
- U.S. Secret Service**
- Withholding tax**
- Wire entanglements**
- Wide-scale use of anesthetics for wounded**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

1863 letter from A. Mason, Lieutenant 38th Massachusetts in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Captain Charles C. Doten

"...The dinner passed off in grand style and no one got drunk though many toasts were given with a will none more heartily drank than the health of Capt. C.C. Doten. Our appetites had been sharpened by a very pleasant ride of some three hours and we did full justice to the entire list. The 'right wing mess' observed the occasion in due form by a dinner composed of the prescribed elements and had a party at a house near by in the evening. The 'left wing mess' had an assembly at a neighbors to eat roast turkey but did not celebrate so zealously as the others. Most of the companies had some extra dish for Dinner and on the whole thanksgiving in the 38th was well marked."

1862 letter from Sergeant W. A. Slocum (?), 9th Maine Regiment

"Camp of 9th Me. Regt, Nov. 26, 11862.

Friend Lizzie,

Yours of the 5th ult came at hand in due time. And was much pleased to hear from you. You say in your letter you shall always be happy to hear from me, if my wife will have no objections. Lizzie! If I thought I was not doing right in writing a friendly letter to you I would not do it. I do not wish to do anything that is not proper, but I do not see anything that is improper to a married man to write a friendly letter to any of his friends, either male or female. I have but a very few correspondents to what I use to have before I was married. I believe you are all the young lady correspondent that I have that is not relative to me. Your letters has always been very interesting indeed and I have thought a great deal of them. Such letters are a great comfort to a soldier and should miss your letters much, for I receive but a very few letters from young ladies besides my wife. I dropped a number of my correspondents when I came out this last time on this account. And I miss their letters very much. An interesting correspondent is a great comfort to a soldier, friend Lizzie! Mr. Sands belongs in [-----]. Now I would not be so unkind as to get you a rogue for a correspondent. William Sands as far as I know is a good man, he is one that likes to enjoy himself but as for being anything bad about him I don't think there is. Lizzie I would like to be a good country lad about this time and be at-home. Pumpkin pies is what I love. And as for the paregoric, I will save that for my family. Well Lizzie, Thanksgiving is over with and I expect the young folks had a grand time at home. We did not

get ours until last night. We rec'd 4 turkeys, 6 chickens and 3 ducks which made us a very good supper, but don't you think I lost all of mine. I was taken sick in the night. I suppose you have heard of my new position. I have been appointed Orderly Sergt. of Co. E and I have had my hands full since I camt to the company. It is impossible for me to make my letter interesting so you will have to excuse it. I will close with many good wishes to you. Write again soon.

You friend,

Sergt. W. A. Slocum(?)."

1862 letter from Horace B. Ensworth, 81st NYSV

"York Town Va, Nov. the 27, 1862

Dear father and sister

I now seat myself to wright you A few lines once more to tell the honest truth of the matter I havent herd from you since the 13 of Nov only as you have writen to other folks in the regt I have writen some five letters to you myself and am a getting discourage about hearing from home and I wrote to Lucy. Wall I cant wright enymore for this is the last of them stamps that you sent milett and me I dont know as the letter that I have [wrote] have gone through. Well father I supose that you want to know how that I am a getting a longe. I will tell you all about it. I feel as well as I ever did in my life all but my knees, let me walk up a steep hill and it ters my legs some but that is nothing. I will soon get over that. I shall go to the Company to morrow but won't have to doe duty for a spell. I understand that you are a coming down to see me. I would like to see you but don't like the price you will have to pay, the captain says it will cost a hundread to a hundread and fifty dolars and they talk of giving furloughs before longe and then I can see you all, if I was very sick yet it would make a diferance, a citersun cant travle for nothing in this country. We live first rate hear. I eat more than before I was taken sick. The sutler Mr. Buel keeps beer in bottles, it is the real old stock they cant no one get it, the Comishnd officer the Captain let me have a bitte and I shoed it to the doctor and he sed it would doe more god to strength me than his medersen so the Captain gets it for me. That is what has done the buisness up. Well father I wish you and the rest of the folks a happy Thanksgivin for I am a getting one my self of rost turkey, chicken pie and oyster pie and everything good, the officers are having a feast to day. The doctor saved us a good meel of it, they is 7 in the Hospittle. Wall I dont think of any thing more to wright, give my herty respects to all. Wright soon and often, direct your letters to NB Ens. I will bring this to a close by biding you all good days, yours in haste from an absent son."

1861 letter from Zebina Y. Bickford, Private in the 6th Vermont Infantry, Company D to Miss Emily Bickford, Barton Landing (Orleans County), Vermont. Zebina enlisted on October 15, 1861. This letter was written on November 28, 1861 from Camp Griffin, Virginia. Zebina died on April 30, 1862. This letter is extremely long but beautifully detailed.

It is Thanksgiving Day and I have not much to do but write and thinking perhaps you did not hear from Virginia any oftener than you wished to I thought perhaps a few lines from some of us cousins would be very acceptable. If not do not answer this, if so answer it if you will. It is just about the time that Vermonters are taking their thanksgiving supper and I have no doubt you are enjoying it first rate. Well so are we soldier boys. You may think that we are home sick today but it is not so, not with me at any rate for we received a box of clothing and a few nicknacks consisting of eatables, from Glover last night and that makes a very good thanksgiving for us. The clothing is the best part of it however. It came just the right time we were all wishing it would come the night before thanksgiving. Our company are gone out on picket guard that is all the well ones and if I had been able I should have gone with them, but I have been sick with the measles and was not able to go. The people in Vermont all seemed to think that we came here in the most healthy season of the year but that the third came in the most unhealthy season, but I would rather have come when the third reg't came than to have come when we did. The third reg't has lost only seven men by disease although they came here in the hottest season of the year, that in the month of July. While the sixth that came out here only six weeks ago has lost six men and has about three hundred more on the sick list. In our company there are eighty two privates and there are forty five of them on the sick list. Only one dangerously sick. I think that if those who have died here had had proper care they might have lived and returned to their friends at home or at least sold their lives on the battle field. One poor fellow that died while I was in the hospital while he was dying said to a friend who was standing by tell my father & mother that if I had had good care I should have lived to have seen them again. Our boys had good care but it was our tent boys that took care of us, often have I heard those in the hospital say that if they had the care that company D boys had they would not be so sick. There has not been a single death in our company yet for all there are so many sick. Supper is ready so I can't write any more now.

Part second six o'clock Thursday eve

Thanksgiving supper is over you cant imagine what a lot of fine things we had for supper, so I must tell you. In the first place we had a piece of sour bread and salt pork. This is what we

usually have although the bread is not always sour. We generally have good bread and of late enough of it, but when we first came here we were kept pretty hungry we did not have half enough to eat and our meat a part of the time was not cooked at all. Well I almost forgot I was telling you what I had for supper. After the bread and meat I had some of mother's cookies and doughnuts that came in our box. They tasted a good deal like Vermont victuals. Well you must wait a few moments until I can read a couple letters that have just come in. I have got my letters read and I will now continue my writing. One of my letters was from Sarah & Alice. They gave me a very cordial to come and spend Thanksgiving with them but the letter was one day to late for Thanksgiving day is passed and evening has come. Therefore I shall have to wait until next year before I accept their invitation. The other letter was from home. They were all well there when they wrote. Charley Refford is passing around his cake that was sent him from home and I must stop once more and help them eat the cake. It was first rate cake I tell you a good deal better than we get here everyday. I suppose you have had a good sleigh ride before this time. I have not had one yet nor do I expect one while we stay in Va. We have not had any snow here yet that stayed on the ground all day. It snowed a little one night but it melted away before noon the next day. The days are very warm here but the nights are very cold. It has been the warmest thanksgiving day I ever saw it as warm as it is in Vermont in September. Last night when we were on dress parade the Colonel read the proclamation of the Governor of Vermont and requested us to keep the day as Vermonters should. After dress parade was over our first Lieutenant told us that those who did not go on picket might get up just as good a supper as the circumstances would permit of we might have baked turkey chicken pie or anything else we chose, but nothing of the kind could be purchased here with love or money. Three were of us went out this forenoon to try and get something for supper but we could not find anything that we wanted so we concluded to let it go till next year when we hope to be at home it does not seem as though this war could last more than a year longer but perhaps it will there is no one knows how long we shall have to stay here I suppose we have got good leaders and those who are capable of managing our army. I hope so at least.

Part fourth

Remember friends that are far away. Write as soon as you get this and do not fail to write over half a dozen sheets for I have nothing to do now but read letters. My love to all. Write soon. Write soon. Write soon. Write soon. Write soon and often. This from Zebina

1861 letter from [probably] Harlow Vail, Co. A 124th Illinois Infantry from Kewanee (Henry County), Illinois

Camp Nevin, Ky, Dec 9, '61

Dear Sisters Tirzah & Sarah

I have read your kind letter Friday morn. This morn we marched 13 miles towards the enemys camp & we have had a good time marching today. The weather was beautiful & warm more like summer than like winter. The suney South is beautiful & I think that I should like to live here very mutch, who would not like to live in a land of sun shine. I would, were it not for the rebels that abound, not the kind you speak about. You ask how I spent Thanksgiving well I had -- a bully dinner hard bread salt pork or bacon as we call it & coffee. That was the extent of my thanksgiving dinner, during the day I thought of you at home having your nice dinners & wishing mabe that you might present a plate to some of us soldiers filled with some of your own goodies...

there is a lady in Chicago that says to me when you write to the Vaill girls give my love to them & send as mutch of your own as you are a mind so well [] I presume that you would like to know her name well if I must tell, why Nettie Worth. My love is put in here somewhere & you will have to look sharp to find it. I know that it is in here & I send you a sprig of a ceder tree that I broke of from a tree in Elizabethtown. I sent Nettie B flowers the other day, they were very pretty before I pressed them. One thing about this sprig it was picked in the town where Abraham Lincoln was born in. I did intend to get a piece of the house but now I am away from there 13 miles. & I do not know when I shall be permitted to be there again. One day last week & by accident came acrost some of my old school mates they were in the Wisconsin 1st & we had a good visit of about two hours & one of the Boys took dinner with me we had a splendid dinner coffee hard bread cheese, soda crackers & butter, & for desert salt bacon. Last eve I was on guard & after I came off from my relief I wrote till ½ pt 12 to finish two letters one to Nettie & the other was to Nettie's sister in N.Y. I get good long letters from her. She is real good to me she writes often to me, & gives me good advice & what is the best of all she remembers me in her prayers. I am in a rather comical position as I am writing laying with my face downwards my shoes off & my feet sticking up against the front pole of our tent... Well I shall have to haste & write as I begin to hear the drummers call to reville will sound in a minute & in a short time we will have taps & then to bed all must go to sleep. No more this time. HBV



**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE
“GRAND WINTERFEST BALL”
JANUARY 9, 2010
NORWALK MASONIC LODGE
12345 Rosecrans Avenue
NORWALK, CA**

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

***Dancing will be from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Music by the Occasional Strings
Stephen Crane - Caller***

***Ball tickets purchased before Dec. 12, 2009 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***

There are NO REFUNDS AFTER DECEMBER 15TH, 2009

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***

For additional information and questions please email the Committee at winterball@earthlink.net



DINNER MENU

Beef Kabobs Dinner & name of person: #___ Name('s)_____

New Orleans Chicken Dinner & name of person: #___ Name('s)_____

Veggie Lasagna 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!)

Email Address: _____

Mail all checks to:
ACWS Grand Winterfest Ball
c/o Samuel Frankl
21910 Germain Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311-2109

Thank you,

ACWS Ball Committee



ACWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Jan 9, 2010	ACWS Grand Winterfest Ball	Masonic Lodge Norwalk CA	ACWS Sponsored www.acws.net
Jan 16-17, 2010	Live Fire	El Centro CA	IVLHA Sponsored ACWS Supported
Feb 7, 2010	Lincoln Shrine	Redlands CA	ACWS Supported Living History only
Feb 13-15, 2010	Calico	Calico Ghost Town Calico CA	ACWS Sponsored
March 6, 2010	Battle of Blythe	Blythe, CA	ACWS Sponsored
March 20-21, 2010	St. Catherine's Military School Event	Anaheim, CA	ACWS Supported Washington Artillery Sponsored
April 9-11, 2010	Prado	Prado Regional Park Chino CA	SCCWA Sponsored ACWS Supported

Links to 2009 Calendar of Events for additional organizations:

PACWR: <http://www.pacwr.org/events.htm>

Fort Tejon: <http://www.forttejon.org>

NCWA www.ncwa.org

SWCWA:<http://www.swcwa.com>

We Are History: <http://www.americanheritagefestival.com/ACWS>

Conditions for Event Support

FINAL VERSION (as adopted 1-31-04)

Definitions:

Sponsored events – This event is completely sponsored by the ACWS. We provide insurance, artillery reimbursements, infantry powder issues, approved impressions, provide for command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses required. We contract and control any proceeds. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Co-sponsored events- This event is co-sponsored by the ACWS in association with any other recognized entity. We will provide ACWS member insurance and may provide event insurance at additional cost. (if ACWS event insurance is used, ALL ACWS rules and regulations as published in ACWS gold book SHALL apply). Event will provide artillery reimbursements, infantry powder reimbursements and additional expenses (subject to negotiations) at normal ACWS rates. ACWS will provide approved impressions, provide and/or share command structure, make maximum effort to turn out membership, publicize event in our newsletter, and cover any additional expenses negotiated and required. All conditions above will be specified in written contract.

Supported events – ACWS provides auxiliary support for this event. **We provide liability insurance for our registered members only**, we can not provide event insurance. ACWS provides no artillery reimbursements, no infantry powder issue. ACWS recommends inclusion of our impressions (i.e. Grant/Lee) and shares command positions. ACWS advertises event in the ACWS newsletter. We may receive proceeds from this event by agreement.

Conditions for support:

- 1) All members of ACWS will be accepted without exception.
- 2) Artillery gun slots will be guaranteed at least 2 ea. Confederate and 2 ea. Union for ACWS full sized guns (batteries to be determined by ACWS).
- 3) Artillery powder reimbursement will be paid to ACWS guns at the same rate as those applied to *any and all other* full sized cannon participating in the event.
- 4) ACWS units will be held within one cohesive military unit (brigade/battalion etc.) and be commanded by ACWS command structure.
- 5) ACWS command staff (U.S. and C.S.) will be included in scenario planning.
- 6) Participating ACWS members will adhere to ACWS safety rules and regulations. These rules and regulations will supersede any other event rules for our members.
- 7) ACWS will be allowed to establish and staff an informational/promotional booth at this event.

Recommended events—ACWS will list this event in our calendar. **NO ACWS INSURANCE WILL APPLY.**

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

One (1) 3 y/o 12X12, 9 pole fly \$75.00.

One (1) 2 y/o 6 ft A-frame tent \$90.00

Two (2) Wooden folding chairs \$10.00 each
each

Miscellaneous wooden boxes \$5.00 - \$10.00

Men's hats, shirts & vests (XL) - make offer

Contact: Larry Boucher (909)783-8960
instructor14@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays to All. Remember Our Soldiers at War

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get. When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

**A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington , D.C. 20307-5001**