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NCWA General Meeting Change!

The general meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. on January 7, 2006, at the Benicia Camel Barns.

Call for Debutantes

Young ladies between the ages of 15 and 20 years who are desirous of being introduced to society at the next Grand Ball are invited to contact Mrs. Jones for instructions - vida94928@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Mrs. Vida Jones

NCWA Grand Ball - February 18, 2006

The 22nd annual NCWA Grand Ball will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, which is located at 1515 "J" Street in Sacramento. Guests may arrive at 6:15 p.m. and dancing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 11 p.m. Very light hors d'oeuvres, punch, and a staffed bar will be provided. Because food will be quite limited, you should feel free to eat or dine out before arriving.

The cost per person is \$25, and there will be, like last year, NO walk-up payment. Payments must be sent in advance and postmarked not later than February 10, 2006. Send your check or money order, made payable to NCWA with "Grand Ball" listed in the memo space, clearly showing the names of the guest(s). In order to create a sign-in sheet for authorized admittance, the names of the guests you are paying for must be indicated on the check. Please send your payment to:

Joan Stevenson
620 South Broadway Avenue
Bay Point, CA 94565

The Clarion Hotel Mansion Inn, 700 16th Street, has reserved a block of rooms for the NCWA at a group rate, as long as reservations are made by January 20, 2006. The reservation number is 800-443-0880. Be sure to mention that you are with the NCWA when you make your reservation at the Clarion Inn. [Ed. Note: online reservations can be cheaper - check online rates before you call!] The hotel is three blocks from the Memorial Auditorium. Other recommended hotels located nearby are:

- * Holiday Inn Express, 728 16th Street, phone 888-897-0088;
- * EconoLodge, 711 16th Street, phone 888-846-9378;
- * Quality Inn, 818 15th Street, phone 916-444-3980;
- * Travel Lodge, 1111 H Street, phone 916-444-8880.

Several eating establishments located nearby are:

- * Old Spaghetti Factory, 1910 J Street, phone 916-443-2862;

- * Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1831 Capitol Avenue, 916-444-8940;
- * Broiler Steak House, 1201 K Street, 916-444-3444.

Nearby tourist attractions include:

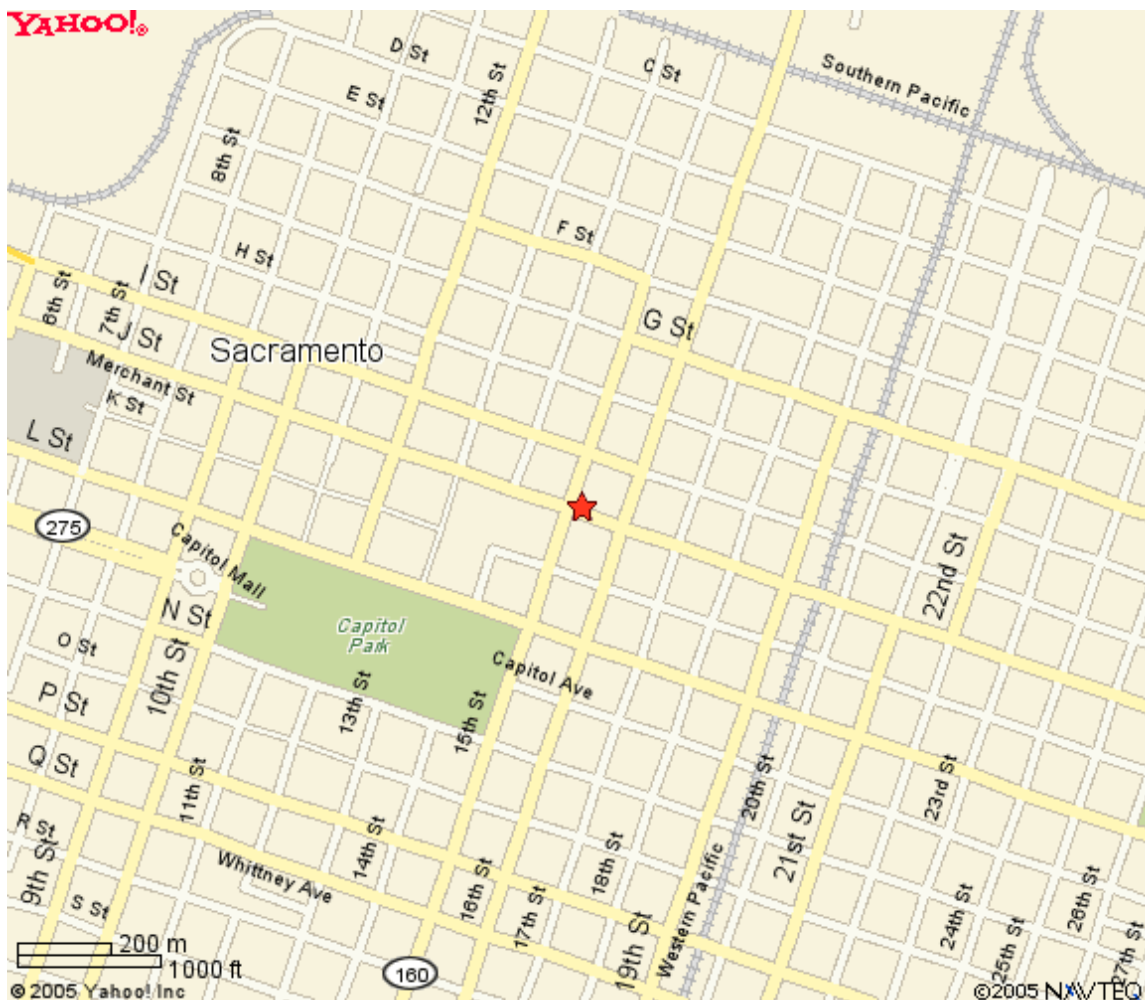
- * The Governor's Mansion, 1526 H Street, 916-323-3047;
- * Sutter's Fort, 2701 L Street, 916-445-4422;
- * Leland Stanford Mansion, 802 N Street, 916-324-0575.

For other dining establishments or tourist attractions, contact your hotel's front desk.

There is on-street public parking and a public parking garage located near the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. Check with your hotel's front desk for locations and as noted, most hotels are within easy walking distance of the auditorium.

Please be aware and as a reminder: NO weapons (except for those used in the debutante presentation) are allowed. This includes wooden replica weapons or any other type of weapons. NO metal heel plates are allowed uncovered on your boots or brogans. Should you wear shoes with plates, please cover them with duct tape or similar material - NO uncovered heel plates.

Again, a reminder - payment for admission to the Grand Ball should be received no later than February 10, 2006. No admission tickets will be mailed to you. There will only be an authorized admission list at the door. If you have any questions regarding the ball, lodging, admission, etc., contact me at jonireb@earthlink.net and/or 925-709-2960. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the ball.



NCWA Speakers' Bureau

The NCWA Speakers' Bureau is maintained for schools and organizations in Northern California interested in presentations on the American Civil War. NCWA speakers discuss a broad range of topics, including Union, Confederate and Civilian aspects of the war. Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Medical and Civilian life could be presented, depending on the speakers available for the requested presentation. These services are provided without any requirements for compensation, although a donation to the NCWA is always appreciated.

Programs can be as simple as one person speaking on a specific subject to one or more groups, or as complex as an all-day program involving several speakers and groups.

I urge all of you to consider joining the Speakers' Bureau. If you are interested, please e-mail me so that I can send you information as I receive it.

Carol Sparks, ACEact@aol.com

March 24, 2006

San Ramon Valley Christian Academy

220 W. El Pintado Road

Danville, CA 94526

Contact: Patricia Cleveland

tcinpg@mindspring.com

1-925-829-1621

1:00 p.m. for 1 hour or more

Differences between Union and Confederate

(weapons, uniforms, leadership)

April 26, 2006

Davidson Middle School

280 Woodland Ave.

San Rafael, CA 94901

Contact: Mabel Bialik

mmbialik@comcast.net

415-479-4265

8:00 a.m. -12:30

Would like stations set up with speakers and demonstrations

Winter Quarters - February 4 & 5, 2006

This is a short update this event, not the registration packet, which we had hoped to include in this edition of the Dispatch. Our problem is that as of the closing date for the December Dispatch, there are a couple of schedule items which have not been finalized. Unfortunately, because of this, we can not release the registration materials in time for this issue. We will make these materials available, by the best means possible, as soon as we can.

On a much more positive note, we are quite excited by how this event is shaping up. With the details that we have confirmed it is our belief this event will offer us and our partner, the Benicia Historical Society, tremendous opportunity to expand our knowledge of the Civil War period. As was stated in the listing last month, this event is a forum which will present a group of workshops on different aspects of our hobby. There will be a number of presentation tracks running simultaneously, covering both the military and civilian aspects of our area of interest.

During the last month we have confirmed a couple of additional speakers in addition to those we announced last month. John Martini will be speaking on various aspects of the American military history of the Bay Area. Don Smith will be joining us to cover a couple of topics as well.

We would like to again stress a couple of points that we raised last month. First, there will be no entry fee for this event to members of NCWA, California Compact Clubs and the Benicia Historical Society who pre-register. However, individual workshops may require a materials fee or specific items for the course. Also we are still expecting that there will be no provision for overnight camping. We strongly urge that individuals begin to make their own plans in this area.

Thank you for your understanding on this.

Stewart Howe

Event Coordinator

Advertisements in Goods & Services are free to individuals (not businesses) who are members of the NCWA. All advertisements will expire in three months unless renewed. The expiration date is shown at the end of each advertisement.

Goods & Services



FOR DANCE LESSONS: It's never too early to start learning to dance for our annual Grand Ball. Support your local community centers and colleges by signing up for classes. Go to their websites, actually open up and read their flyers, and see how many different types of dancing are out there! Once you are comfortable with one style, it's easier to pick up another one. Also there are many dance clubs/groups, out there, especially in the Bay Area.

WANTED: Seamstress for building a ball gown for the upcoming ball in January. Please contact Peggy Harris at 925-969-0181, or email at Pharris65@hotmail.com. (01/06)

FOR SALE: Armi Sport 3-band Enfield w/ bayonet and frog, \$400. This rifle has experienced live firing and a few years of re-enacting and is well-cared for. Contact Dennis at 530-304-7057 or DonovanDJ2002@yahoo.com. (02/06)

FOUND: At Kearney '05 - near Union parking area. Key ring with several keys and lock/alarm button for a JEEP. Keys are: Jeep/Honda/Kwickset/two very small luggage keys/one unknown with "W" or "M". Contact: Treasurer@ncwa.org

LOST: A Leatherman Multi-tool on the Fresno 2005 field. It is a very unusual model with a corkscrew and a bottle/can opener and the name "FLAIR" printed on the outside of the tool. I don't think it can be replaced as it was a promotional item. If found, please contact: Private Mace M. Gjerman (20th Maine Vol. Inf. Co. G, Army of the Potomac), MGjerman@petersonholding.com.



2005-06 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Host</u>
Jan. 7	Benicia	Annual Meeting	NCWA
Jan. 21	Ft. Point Nat'l Monument, San Francisco		ACWA
Feb. 4-5	Benicia	Winter Quarters	NCWA
Feb. 18	Sacramento	Grand Ball	NCWA
Mar. 4-5	+Visalia/Mariposa	California Combined	NCWA
Mar. 4-5	Mooney Grove Park	Living History	CWRS
April 8-9	Knights Ferry	Living History	ACWA
April 22-23	Salinas	Camp Warhorse	NCWA
May 19-21	Gibson Ranch, Sacramento	Living History	NCWA
May 27-29	Roaring Camp	Living History	ACWA
June 24-25	Casa de Fruta	Living History	ACWA
July 15-16	Casini Campgrounds, Duncans Mills	Living History	NCWA
Aug. 19-20	Ardenwood, Fremont	Living History	NCWA
Aug. 19-20	Healdsburg	Living History	ACWA
Sept. 1-3	Old Sacramento	Gold Rush Days	NCWA-supported
Sept. 9-10	Nevada City	Living History	ACWA
Sept. 15-17	San Benito Hist. Park, Tres Pinos	Living History	NCWA
Oct. 14-15	Fruit Yard, Modesto	Living History	ACWA
Oct. 20-22	Kearney Park, Fresno	Living History	NCWA

* These events have school days + Tentative

Editor's Note: As always, check the website and/or your unit heads for last-minute updates.

Host Key

ACWA	American Civil War Association	acwa.org	510-843-2627
ACWS	American Civil War Society	acws.net	
CHAS	CA Historical Artillery Society	warhorse.org	831-751-6978
CWRS	Civil War Reenactment Society	cwrs0.tripod.com/index.html	559-323-5438
FTHA	Fort Tejon Historical Association	forttejon.org	661-248-6692
NCWA	National Civil War Association	ncwa.org	800-662-1863
NCWC	Northwest Civil War Council	nwcwc.org	
NCWV	Nevada Civil War Volunteers	ncwv.org	775-623-5704
RACW	Reenactors of the American Civil War	racw.org	530-343-5346
WBSHA	War Between the States Hist. Assoc.	wbsha.org	

4th Annual Camp Logan Days Living History Reenactment, May 20-21, 2006

In the year 1867.....

Did you know that at Camp Logan there was an officer who was an author? How about that there was an officer who came to Grant County who was later at the Battle of the Little Big Horn? Camp Logan was a military post close to present day Prairie City, and was established in 1865 by the First Oregon Volunteers and then later occupied by the regular army. It remained until 1869. Camp Logan was part of the Department of the Columbia that consisted of the State of Oregon, Washington Territory and Idaho Territory. The Territory of Alaska was added in 1870. Other posts in the Department included Camp Watson and Fort Klamath, to name a few. The headquarters was moved to Portland from Fort Vancouver in 1867. These topics and more will be relived on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, 2006, when the 4th Annual Camp Logan Living History Reenactment occurs near Prairie City, OR. You will have the opportunity to step back in time and relive the year 1867 and see what life was like at the military camp and the town of Dixie.

For more information contact the Event Directors, Dianne Lesniak or Andrew Demko at Prairie City School at (541) 820-3314. Camp Logan Days e-mail: cmplogan@yahoo.com

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Deadline for the February Dispatch is January 21st.

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