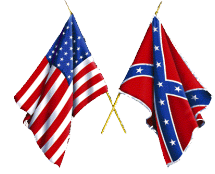


The Sentinel



Education: Our Most Important Mission

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers was incorporated for a fee of \$1.00 on December 2, 1980 by Charles Tinder, David Schene, Glenwood Brevick, Kenneth Kruger and Christopher Cook. According to the Articles of Incorporation, our purpose is the advancement of knowledge and re-enactment activities depicting the American Civil War era.

For 37 years now, we have kept to this mission. Over the years, our organization has hosted many events and been to many schools, spreading knowledge about the American Civil War, and Nevada's involvement in it. Whether it be showcasing the Nevada Territorial Volunteers here in state, to the 1st Division, II Corps of the Army of the Potomac, we have distinguished ourselves by impressions and knowledge.

In recent years, the educational outreach we do has become increasingly important. Schools in both the public and private sectors have begun putting less and less emphasis on historical education, opting instead to fund STEM programs and classes.

For this reason, organizations like ours have become essential to resourceful American history teachers. There's only so much history students can derive from power-point presentations and lectures in a class room. NCWV becomes of most service in bringing history to life. By allowing students to see the uniforms, feel the rifles, sing along to the music, speak with one of the ladies of the period, and see the fire shoot out the muzzle of a cannon, we truly allow the students we visit to truly take a step back in time, and

to fully visualize the things they have learned.

It's been said that at reenactments and on the road, we create museums for the day or weekend. This seems to be of particular truth. When a member of the public comes into our camp, they are really entering a living museum. It may be strange to think about, but the fact is we provide an experience unlike any other.

In an age where educational experiences and historical significance are not commonplace in schools, it is of the utmost importance that we not only continue to do what we do, but to expand our organization and grow to meet the increased demand for our educational mission. The more students we reach, the more interest will be generated in history, which is our highest priority.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2017 Schedule
- Nevada's History
- NCWV goes on the road to educate Nevada youth for another year
- Information on Hampton's Legion

NCWV to Visit Douglas High School

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers have been asked to visit Douglas High School, but the class we are visiting is by no means ordinary. We will be teaching in Mr. Petite's History of Modern Conflict, Warfare and Genocide classes. The idea came about when the teacher took a survey of his students at the end of last year asking what they would like to see in a new history class. The answers came back in a few different subject areas. Instead of choosing one, Mr. Petite decided to combine it all into one class. The teacher has found success in utilizing a hands-on method for

teaching, focusing on bringing history to life as much as possible. Previously, he has had a Revolutionary War soldier and a Spanish fencing instructor in to speak to the students.

On March 24, a small group will visit the school to give short presentations on a few common aspects of Civil War life.

On March 29th, all hands are requested to be present at Douglas High School for our battle day. Those who can are asked to arrive around 7:30AM, and we plan on being there all day.

We should have the oppor-

tunity to reach at least 200 students at the school. We might also (hopefully) pull a couple recruits out of the student body too, so be sure to help us make a great impression and share our knowledge.



Unit of the Month: Hampton's Legion

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History of The Legion

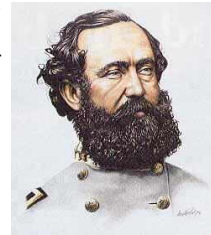
A legion historically consisted of a single integrated command, with individual components including infantry, cavalry, and artillery. The concept of a multiple-branch unit was never a practical application for Civil War armies and, early in the war, the individual elements were assigned to other organizations.

Organized by Wade Hampton in early 1861, Hampton's Legion initially boasted a large number of South Carolina's leading citizens, including future generals J. Johnston Pettigrew, Stephen Dill Lee, Martin W. Gary, and Matthew C. Butler. Originally, the Legion comprised six companies of infantry, two of cavalry, and one of light artillery. The infantry and cavalry fought in the First Battle of Manassas, where Colonel Hampton suffered the first of several wounds during the war. In November 1861, the artillery was then outfitted with four Blakely Rifles, imported from

England and slipped through the Union blockade into Savannah, Georgia. By the end of the year, each element of the Legion had been expanded with new companies to bolster the effective combat strength.

With the reorganization of the Army of Northern Virginia in mid-1862, Hampton's Legion was broken up and reassembled. The cavalry battalion was consolidated with the 4th South Carolina Cavalry Battalion and two independent companies on August 22, 1862, and became the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry under Colonel Butler. It remained directly under General Hampton's control and served in his brigade and then division for the rest of the war. The artillery was converted to horse artillery and renamed Hart's Battery, after its commander, Capt. James F.

Hart. Lt. Colonel Gary's infantry element, retaining the designation Hampton's Legion, was initially brigaded with Georgia troops in Stonewall Jackson's command, but was transferred in June to John Bell Hood's "Texas Brigade." The Legion served in General Longstreet's Corps through mid-1863 before being transferred with that Corps to the Army of Tennessee in September. On March 11, 1864, the infantry was mounted and assigned to General Gary's Cavalry Brigade and served in the Department of Richmond until January, 1865 when it was transferred to the Cavalry Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.



The Dying Confederate's Last Words

Dear comrades on my brow the hand of death is cast, My breath is growing short, all pain will soon be past; My soul will soar away to that bright land of bliss, Far from the pain and woe of such a world as this.

I left my home and friends to battle with the foe, To save the Southern land from misery and woe;

I gave my life my all (oh! not to win a name, Or have it e'en enrolled upon the scroll of fame.)

Not so, I only wished a helper brave to be To save the glorious South from cruel tyranny;

My soul with ardor burned the treacherous foe to fight, And take a noble stand for liberty and right.

But oh! how weak is man! It was not God's decree, That I should longer live a helper brave to be, Before another day I shall be with the dead, And 'neath the grassy sod will be my lonely bed.

And should you see the friends that nurtured me in youth, Tell them I tried to walk the ways of peace and truth; O! tell my mother kind the words that she has given,

Have led her wayward child to Jesus and to heaven.

Farewell! farewell! my friends my loving comrades dear, I ask you not to drop for me one bitter tear; The angels sweetly stand and beckon me to come, To that bright land of bliss that heavenly realm my home.



The Charge at Trevilian Station

CHARLESTON, S.C.,--The cavalry charge pictured was led by Gen. Wade Hampton and former Citadel cadets at Trevilian Station, Va., in 1864.

In the spring of 1862, 36 cadets left The Citadel and joined with cadets from a military college then in Columbia (S.C.) to form The Cadet Company, or Cadet Rangers. The young boys fought in 16 battles of the Civil War as a part of the Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Cavalry. Gen. Wade Hampton, a South Carolinian, commanded the cavalry for Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The piece was painted by Mort Kunstler.



Why did Nevada become a state? Part 2 of 2

FICTION: Nevada was singled out to help save the Union. Actually Enabling acts for three territories, Colorado, Nebraska, and Nevada, were passed by Congress in March 1864. Nebraska's constitutional convention voted against statehood, while Colorado Territory's voters did not approve the proposed state constitution. Thus, Nevada Territory was the only territory to come to the support of President Lincoln. Ironically, shortly after Nevadans voted 8-1 in support of the state constitution, General Fremont dropped out of the presidential race, and Nevada was no longer critical to a Lincoln win. President Lincoln proclaimed Nevada a state on October 31, a week before the national election, and then went on to carry Nevada in a relatively easy win over General McClellan.

FICTION: While it is true that Ne-

vadans gave the beleaguered president three Republican Congressman to help rebuild the nation, ironically our two U.S. Senators James W. Nye and William M. Stewart arrived in Washington, D.C. too late to sign the 13th Amendment. Congressman Henry C. Worthington did sign the amendment, and it was soon ratified by Nevada. Senator Stewart would prove to be a key player in the drafting of the 15th Amendment giving Black males the right to vote.

So Nevada was, in fact, the "Battle Born" state because of its entrance into the Union during the Civil War, but not for the reasons we find in the popular mythology. Historians recognize that the discovery of the Comstock Lode in 1859 was one of many factors influencing Nevada's territorial status. However, making the leap to statehood because

wealth from Nevada's mines was desperately needed to help the Union win the Civil War keeps stubbornly recurring as perhaps our state's #1 legend.

—This article is the second of a two part piece by Nevada State Archivist Guy Rocha



The Strange Tale of *The Wabuska Mangler*

—reprinted from a Nevada Appeal article by Trent Dolan

Perhaps one of the strangest stories of Carson City's past is that of the Appeal's editor, Samuel Post Davis, and his relationship with *The Wabuska Mangler*, a rival newspaper he apparently conjured from his imagination.

I know that every time I would drive down Highway 95A to Yerington and turn off the cruise control to avoid a ticket going through Wabuska, I'd always wonder what old Sam was thinking when he contrived E.P. Lovejoy as his mock editorial enemy in a place that obviously at any time in the past was of no real significance. Or, was it?

Some of the most delightful newspaper reading comes from the period of 1889-91, when the fictional Wabuska Mangler, and its fictitious editor, E.P. Lovejoy, arrived on Carson City's scene. Wrote Davis in an early reference in the Appeal:

Mr. E.P. Lovejoy, a large dealer in general merchandise, and editor of the Wabuska Mangler, at Wabuska, Nevada, says: "I have tried St. Patrick's Pills and can truthfully say they are the best I have ever taken or known need." As a pleasant physic or for disorders of the liver they will always give perfect satisfaction. For sale by G. C. Thaxter.

But who is this Lovejoy character?

According to an article published in the

1994 Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, "The Wabuska Mangler as a Martyr's Seed, The Strange Story of E.P. Lovejoy," by William G. Chrystal, Davis may have met Lovejoy while selling some of his herd in Wabuska, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

First one of the yarns about the Mangler from the Appeal:

Hard Editorial Lines. "The Wabuska Mangler of Friday says: Last week as the Mangler was going to press, Sol Noel's Holstein bull came charging into the office and demolished the forms so that we were unable to get the issue out today. We are well aware of the fact that the Mangler in this section is a great annoyance to a good many men here who would like to run politics to suit themselves. We know for a fact that for some months past, Sol Noel and a lot of his conferees have been training the bull to charge into print shops. They rigged up an old cider press and fixed a lever on it so as to represent the Mangler press and a man would stand on the side and make motions as if running an ink roller over the forms. They would then flaunt a red flag in the bull's face and let him charge on the machine and knock it over. He would then be fed real hay as a reward for his success in demolishing an educational engine. They got the bull well in train and then sent it charging into our office with the above result. He went home with his hide filled with No. 8 shot

and if any of the gang come here again they will be treated to something a little heavier. We will continue to publish the Mangler and show up political iniquity whenever it can be found. We will begin suit against Noel in the justice court tomorrow for back subscription and damages.

Davis continued to amuse his readers with periodic rants at Lovejoy and the Mangler until mention of the publication mysteriously disappeared in 1891.

Edward Lovejoy was a real person.

In Nevada he was appointed railroad agent at Wabuska in 1881 after being a laborer on the railroad. There he ran a hotel, a small bar and ranch on the acreage around Wabuska. While in California, he was a lawyer, judge and newspaper editor for the Weekly Trinity Journal. His mother, Celia, was married to Elijah Parrish Lovejoy (1802-1837), remembered as a martyr to journalism.

Elijah Lovejoy was killed defending his printing press, which was destroyed by mobs in Alton, Ill. Although the elder Lovejoy did not consider himself a champion of freeing the slaves, that is how he was perceived by the public. He had a deeply religious upbringing, having been raised as a Presbyterian minister. He moved to Alton, Ill., where he was the editor of the St. Louis Observer.

Members Attend 2017 Battle of Knight's Ferry (ACWA)

Captain Bechard, 1st Sergeant Jennings, Private Ketcham and Miss del Porto had the privilege of attending the American Civil War Association's event at Knight's Ferry early in March.

The event is held annually at the Army Corps of Engineers' Stanislaus River Park. The park is the site of a unique covered bridge and old mill that are now managed by the Corps of Engineers.

Captain Bechard busied himself in speaking to hundreds of tourists about his gruesome craft, while 1st Sergeant Jennings and Private Ketcham detailed themselves to the Federal Battalion. Ketcham spent a

weekend fighting hard with the Irishmen of the 28th Massachusetts Infantry, Company B.

Miss del Porto showcased her talents in sewing, cooking and the like for many of the soldiers in the battalion.

The group took it to the enemy, and hopefully some of those they met and visited will make an appearance in Nevada this year.

The next ACWA event will be in Mariposa, CA from April 7-9



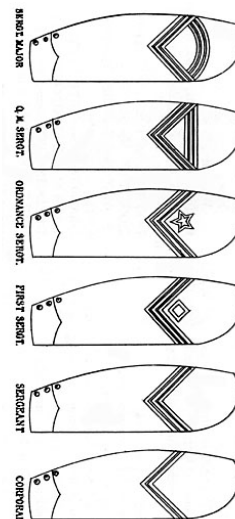
Sutro Students Finish Quilt

Dr. and Mrs. Reed made a second visit to Sutro Elementary this month to conclude the lesson Mrs. Reed had begun during her presentation.

Previously, Mrs. Reed had provided each of the students in Mrs. Kirby's 4th Grade Class with a quilt square to draw a design on. The students did so, and Mrs. Reed put them all together on an amazing quilt.

The quilt was then presented as a gift from the students to Mrs. Kirby for being such an excellent teacher.

The educational outreach that NCWV provides has always been outstanding, and serves as a source of pride to all of our members.



On Enlisted Rank, Positions in the Army

Going to reenactments, it's not too uncommon to see a lot of rank for a lack of troops. This should serve as a short guide to rank and the structure we portray in this hobby.

—Private (PVT): This is the base enlisted rank of the Army structure. Privates held very little responsibility in the Army, and their primary job is following orders.

—Corporal (CPL): The first of the NCO ranks, a Corporal is responsible for a small, 4-5 man 'team'. They maintain discipline and execute orders with their troops.

—Sergeant (SGT): The 'backbone of

the Army', Sergeants are responsible for carrying out the majority of tasks. A Sergeant is also directly responsible for two Corporals and their teams, called a 'squad'.

—Company Quartermaster Sergeant (CQMS): These were responsible for serving as the supply NCO at the Company level. They were the issuing authority direct to the soldiers.

—First Sergeant (1SG): Called 'Top', these were the highest enlisted soldiers in each Company. They reported directly to the Company Commander, and were charged with the day to day operation of the Company.

—Ordinance Sergeant (ORSG): These were the soldiers responsible for ammunition and explosives. They were not a part of a company, but instead assigned to a post or regimental headquarters.

—Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant (RQMS): Regimental Quartermasters served as supply NCOs the whole regiment, reporting to the Quartermaster.

—Sergeant Major (SGM): The Sergeant Major is the top soldier of a regiment, whose duty was to be the enlisted advisor to the Commanding Officer.

Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Meeting

The March Meeting was convened at 19:10 on March 15, 2017, by Noah Jennings, Commander. Adjutant General Melanie Cooper and Union Chief of Staff Peter Aylworth were marked excused. Commander Jennings took a point of privilege to highlight his sorrow over the passing of Louise McConnell and Ernest John Levario III. Under public comment, David Childs introduced new member Darren Loupe to the membership present.

The next order of business was Officer Reports. Commander Jennings reported on successful meetings discussing unity in the future with BBCWR, CCWR, and FCLHS. He also reported on grant raising efforts. Inspector General Bullis relayed the offer of CHAS to bring an Ambulance Wagon over to Carson City for the Nevada Day Parade. Tabled for later discussion. Confederate Chief of Staff Burr reported on the February PACWR Meeting, stating that no major changes were discussed, and Chairman Spence will maintain his position this year. Civilian Chief of Staff Grune reported on assets available to the club for fundraising use.

The approval of the February 8, 2017, meeting minutes was moved by Rex Reed and seconded by Fred Grune, the motion passed. No financial report was given.

Under old business, Dr. Reed, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, reported the recommendations of the committee to the membership. The proposed revisions have been included with the March 2017 edition of *The Sentinel*. The changed were accepted by the present members, and referred to be printed with *The Sentinel*.

The first item of new business was the upcoming school visit to Douglas High School. Commander Jennings reported that the organization will be presenting to Mr. Petite's History of Modern Conflict, Warfare and Genocide class. A small presentation day will be held on March 23th, and a large "battle day" will be held March 29th.

The next order of business was to authorize Commander Jennings to investigate the viability of an event in Winnemucca, NV, during the month of August. The motion to do so was made by Dr. Reed, seconded by Luke Bullis, and passed.

Under Good of the Order, Commander Jennings commended Dr. Reed, Mrs. Reed, Miss Van Sickle, and Captain Bechard for their excellent presentations at Sutro Elementary School.

Next for Good of the Order was a memorial to Ida Louise McConnell and Ernest John Levario III. The obituary of Mrs. McConnell was read into the record, and the memorial service for PFC Levario was discussed. It was agreed that the year of reenacting would be dedicated to the two fallen members of our organization.

The April meeting is scheduled to occur at the Nevada Veteran's Hall, at 6:30PM (18:30) on the evening of April 5th. Prior to adjournment there was no public comment made. A motion was made by Dr. Reed to adjourn the meeting at 19:54. Motion required no second, and was approved unanimously by membership.

Recruiting and Retention Corner—Total: 72

Union Battalion

—Total: 31

140th PA/9th OH Infantry

—Commander: 1SG Peter Aylworth

—Members: 11

7th MI Cavalry

—Commander: CPT Chance Brown

—Members: 15

1st RI Light Artillery

—Members: 3

Medical Detachment

—Commander: CPT Wayne Bechard

—Members: 2

Confederate Battalion

—Total: 14

4th Texas Infantry

—Commander: SGT Michael Barth

—Members: 7

2nd Co., SC Sharpshooters

—Commander: 1LT Robert Burr

—Members: 5

Norfolk Light Artillery Blues

—Commander: SGM Fred Grune

—Members: 2

Non-Combatant Corps

—Total: 27



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2017 Schedule of Events

Silver State Tactical

Fort Churchill, NV

March 25-25

Douglas High School Battle Day (NCWV)

Gardnerville, NV

March 29 @ 07:00-14:00

Mariposa (ACWA)

Mariposa, CA

April 7-9

Dog Island (RACW)

Red Bluff, CA

April 28-30

Genoa Cowboy Festival (NCWV)

Genoa, NV

April 28-30

Roaring Camp (ACWA)

San Jose, CA

May 26-29

Oodles of Noodles (NCWV)

Dayton, NV

June 3-4

Nevada State Fair (NCWV)

Carson City

June 8-11

Graeagle (RACW)

Graeagle, CA

July 1-2

Duncan's Mills (CHAS)

Guerneville, CA

July 15-16

Virginia City (CCWR)

Virginia City, NV

September 2-4

Tres Pinos (NCWA)

San Benito, CA

September 8-10

Bower's Mansion Closing (NCWV)

Washoe Valley, NV

TBA

Fort Churchill (NCWV)

Fort Churchill, NV

October 14-15

Nevada Day Parade (NCWV)

Carson City, NV

October 28

Veteran's Day Parade (NCWV)

Reno/Virginia City, NV

November 11

NCWV Christmas Military Ball

Carson City, NV

December 16



Commander's Call



We are one more month further into 2017, and it has been quite a month.

I would like to start by expressing my deepest regrets at the passing of Louise McConnell and John Levario. Their loss will leave a hole in many of our lives; let us dedicate this year to their memory, and endeavor to make them proud in everything we do this year.

Thank you to all who have been working hard, getting into schools to teach, working on fundraisers and events, and the numerous other things that you do to make this organization keep moving forward.

I'm happy to announce that our recruiting efforts have been paying dividends! I'm very happy to welcome Darren and Paola Loupe to our organization! We will look forward to seeing them throughout the year.

By the time the April edition of *The Sentinel* comes out, we should have some

more exciting news to share with our members.

Currently, we stand at 72 members, which is by no means a number to be ashamed of. We are a group on the rise, and I appreciate the constant efforts of all who work to get us new members. I am happy to see that our unit commanders have been positively responding to my challenge to recruit.

On the event side, all seems to be progressing well. Bower's Mansion still has no date as of yet. The Nevada State Fair will be on us soon, and I believe we will exceed what we had last year for the event. In August we are planning on bringing back Winnemucca, so be watching for information on that.

Our next meeting is April 5th, at 6:30pm in the Veteran's Hall on 2nd and Curry Streets in Carson City. We plan to have a raffle for a few items to raise some money for the club. I en-

courage your attendance, and I ask that, if possible, every member try to bring a prospective member to the meeting.

I've said it before, so I'll say it again: I serve at the pleasure of you, the members. I have an open door policy in place for anyone who has any questions, comments or concerns. Your input is always welcome, as without you, the Staff and Aide's-de-Camp are without a job. Keep helping us help you by improving our club!

As for now, keep up the great work! Keep attending the events that you can, and never forget that the primary purpose of what we do is to have fun!

—Noah L. Jennings, Commander

