

The Sentinel



New Year, New Goals

The 2018 season kicked off with the Fort Point event, hosted by the American Civil War Association! The event was well attended for being in San Francisco, with nine NCWV members present.

Next on the list will be Knight's Ferry in March, another stellar ACWA event. If you haven't been, be sure to go and see the beautiful covered bridge constructed and maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers.

In April (14-15), the NCWV will host a tactical at Mormon Station, where we will act as garrison, drill, and ensure everyone is squared away for the season.

The following weekend (April 20-22), the ACWA will host the Las Mariposas event in Mariposa, CA. This is an excellent event, and we pray for better weather this year. Commander Jennings, Captain Bechard and Sergeant Hasslinger are the only members who can proudly claim membership in 'The Mariposan Frozen' from 2017.

The last weekend in April (28-29) will be the Gibson Ranch event in Sacramento, CA, hosted by the National Civil War Association. This is a close and

excellent event, we would like to see high levels of NCWV participation for the weekend!

The 19th of May will see NCWV at Bower's Mansion in Washoe Valley, where we will be promoting the beginning of the open season there with the Washoe County Regional Park Service. This is an excellent living history event with a battle or two thrown in as well. We expect record numbers of tourists this year.

Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-27) will be the Battle of Fort Churchill event, hosted by the NCWV. We plan on having a lot of fun at the home of the original Nevada Territorial Volunteers.

The first Saturday in May will be Dayton's Oodles of Noodles Event, where NCWV is set to be the main center of entertainment, with plenty of opportunities for skits and performances as members like.

June 7-10 will be our club's principle event, the Nevada State Fair and Rendezvous in Carson City. We hope to see all hands there for an outstanding weekend of history, battles, and great public interaction.

Father's Day Weekend (June 17-18) will be the NCWA event at

Angel Island in San Francisco, another outstanding event, which we can all make since it doesn't conflict with the fair this year! Huzzah!

June 29-July 1 will see the Graeagle event of the RACW. We will also have a smaller local event at the Railroad Museum in Carson City.

July 14-15 will be the California Historical Artillery Society's event at Duncan's Mills. This is the best event this side of the Mississippi!

The last weekend in August will of course be CCWR's Virginia City event, another fun one with the train. August may also bring NCWV to Winnemucca—stay tuned for details.

In October, NCWV will return to the Reno Celtic Festival, and bring attention and historical education to the Reno area.

October 18-21 will be the ACWA Fresno event, which is definitely one to attend—a massive event with lots of fun to be had!

As always, education is our primary mission, and we will be in schools throughout the year. Be watching the electronic telegraph for dispatches regarding those.

We look forward to an amazing year! Here's to 2018!

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- *Nouth and Sorth, a satirical comic set based on the musings of Robert Burr*

In loving memory of Jack 'The Dutchman' Eshenaur

Our friend, comrade and brother Jack Eshenaur went home to his Lord on December 15, 2017.

Jack was a much loved member of many organizations. His service as a Sailor in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War qualified Jack to belong to

the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Virginia City.

Jack was also a member of the Nevada Gunfighters, and the Fort Churchill Living History Organization.

A stern but loving man, Jack earned the moniker of 'Sergeant Major Grumpy Pants'. His FCLHO service

saw him in the position of Provost Sergeant for the 8th US Cavalry, and as the late Sergeant Major of the 8th US Cavalry Regiment.

Jack possessed vision for what our organizations can and will become—it is now our duty to carry on the work in his name.



History of the CS Marines



The Confederate States Marine Corps (CSMC) was a branch of the Confederate States armed forces during the American Civil War. It was established by an act of the Confederate Congress on March 16, 1861.

The CSMC's manpower was initially authorized at 45 officers and 944 enlisted men, and was increased on September 24, 1862 to 1,026 enlisted men. The organization of the corps began at Montgomery, Alabama, and was completed at Richmond, Virginia, when the capital of the Confederate States of America was moved to that location.

The CSMC headquarters and main training facilities remained in Richmond, Virginia throughout the war, located at Camp Beall on Drewry's Bluff and at the Gosport Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia. The last CSMC unit surrendered to the United States on April 9, 1865, with the Confederacy

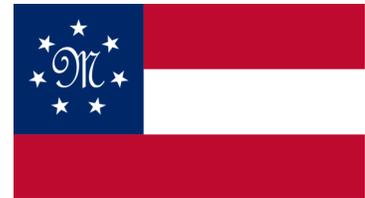
itself capitulating a month later.

Before the war, the United States Marine Corps had been an "exceptionally fine and well-disciplined" organization, and "from it came the nucleus of the corresponding establishment of the Confederate service", the CSMC. The CSMC was modeled after the United States Marine Corps, but there were some differences: the Confederates organized themselves into permanent companies, replaced the fife with the light infantry bugle, and wore uniforms similar to those of British Royal Marines. Like the USMC, when ashore they provided guard detachments for Confederate naval stations.

The Commandant of the CSMC, Colonel-Commandant Beall, said the CSMC "was composed of enlisted men, many of whom were old soldiers and commissioned officers, a number of whom had seen service before in the U.S. Marine

Corps and elsewhere."

Resigned US officers assembled with the CSMC as it stood up in Richmond, Virginia, with the exception of Captain Tansill, who had resigned while still on board the USS Congress at sea. Captain Tansill was arrested by order of Secretary Welles of the U.S. Navy when he arrived in New York on August 23, 1861 and was held without charge, hearing or trial. He was released on Jan 10, 1862 as part of a prisoner exchange, and subsequently joined the CSMC in Virginia. He was given back-pay in April of 1863 by act of the Confederate Congress.



CSMC Ranks and Command Structure



The breakdown of officer manpower composition was:

- One colonel-commandant
- One lieutenant colonel
- Three majors (a quartermaster, paymaster, and an adjutant)
- Ten captains
- Ten first lieutenants
- Twenty second lieutenants

The breakdown of enlisted manpower composition as of Sep 24, 1862 was:

- One sergeant major
- One quartermaster sergeant
- Sixty sergeants
- Sixty corporals
- 840 privates
- Thirty drummers
- Thirty fifers
- Two principal musicians



Colonel-Commandant Lloyd J. Beall, was a former U.S. Army paymaster with no Marine experience. Beall graduated from the US Military Academy, and had served in the 1st Infantry and 2nd Dragoons before becoming a paymaster from 1844 until the outbreak of the war. He resigned his commission on April 22, 1861 and was appointed Colonel-Commandant of the CS Marine Corps on May 23, 1861. Colonel Beall served throughout the war as the only Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Deployment of the CS Marine Corps

Before the war, the United States Marine Corps had been an "exceptionally fine and well-disciplined" organization, and "from it came the nucleus of the corresponding establishment of the Confederate service", the CSMC.[2] The CSMC was modeled after the United States Marine Corps, but there were some differences: the Confederates organized themselves into permanent companies, replaced the fife with the light infantry bugle, and wore uniforms similar to those of British Royal Marines. Like the USMC, when ashore they provided guard detachments for Confederate naval stations at:

- Richmond, Virginia
- Camp Beall, located near Fort Dar-

ling at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia

- Wilmington, North Carolina – Fort Fisher
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
- Savannah, Georgia
- Pensacola, Florida – (manned naval shore batteries)
- Mobile, Alabama
- Seagoing detachments served aboard the various warships and even on commerce destroyers.

COMBAT SERVICE?

Though they provided land going detachments, no large-scale offensive operations ever included the CS Marines. Companies A, B, and C were formed into the Field Battalion, stationed at CSMC Headquarters, and saw service at the Battle of Saylor's Creek in Virginia, where they would surrender.



Photo Gallery: A Selection of the Winter



The Military Staff—A look at Staff Officers during the ACW

To organize and operate a military force takes much planning and maintenance. At the head of that during the Civil War was the:

Command Staff

—Commanding Officer: The officer in charge of the overall component

—Executive Officer: The second in command of the component, responsible for day-to-day operations

—Senior Enlisted Leader: The top enlisted soldier, usually a Sergeant Major, responsible for the concerns of the men

Good Order and Discipline

—Inspector General: The officer responsible for ensuring all Army Regulations are followed in the component

—Provost Marshal: The officer responsible for enforcing the law

—Judge Advocate General: The chief legal officer for the component

—Military Secretary: The lead assistant to a commander

Fire Support

—Chief of Artillery: The officer in charge of all artillery in the component

—Chief of Ordnance: The officer responsible for all weaponry and munitions

Maneuver Support

—Chief of Engineers: The officer responsible for all construction and movement of the component

—Chief Signal Officer: The officer re-

sponsible for major communications

Personnel Support

—Medical Director: The coordinator for all Medical Corps personnel within the component

—Quartermaster General: The officer responsible for overall supply of the component

—Chief of Commissary: The officer responsible for feeding the component



Preventative Maintenance Quarterly

This Winter PMCS Edition is on maintaining our beloved leather boots!

Cleaning. Whether you have a salt ring, dried cracks of salt around the bottom of your boot, or just dirty marks from day to day living, your first step is to clean your boots of all debris. For salt stains, use a soft cloth and mix of white vinegar and water (equal parts) to remove the stains. Allow the boot to dry, and buff with a soft cloth when finished. Try to remove salt stains as soon as they happen, and if you can get to them before they dry, a quick wipe with a damp cloth should do the trick. For general

dirt, use a saddle soap that will also help condition and waterproof your boot.

Wipe off dirt with a damp rag, rub the wet rag into the saddle soap to create a lather, rub the soap into the boot, and wipe off the lather with a damp cloth after a few minutes. If you feel like there's too much saddle soap on your boots, you can always add a little more water to create more lather.

Erase scuffs. You have all you need to erase scuffs in your pantry closet! Just dab a soft cloth into water, then into baking soda, and rub the scuffs gently until they disappear. Wipe the boot

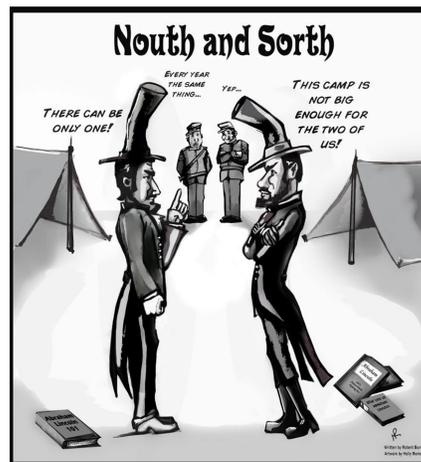
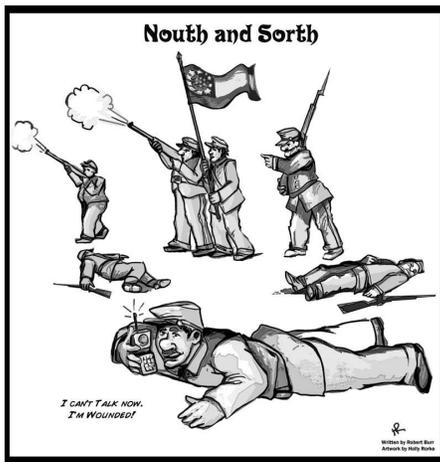
clean and allow the boot to dry before giving it a final buff.

Prevent future damage. Always try to give your boots a proper protective barrier at the beginning and end of each season (and in between too after any cleanings). Spray clean, dry boots with a waterproofing spray to prevent salt stains before they start. It's a good idea to line all your boots up at once and do them all in one sitting.

—By: *Laura Gummerman*



Nouth and Sorth—by Robert Burr



2018 Event Schedule

Fort Point (ACWA)

—San Francisco, CA
—January 27

Summit Hill Tactical (NCWA/NCWV)

—Georgetown, CA
—March TBA

Knight's Ferry (ACWA)

—Modesto, CA
—March 17-18

Mariposa (ACWA)

—Mariposa, CA
—April 20-22

Gibson Ranch (NCWA)

—Sacramento, CA
—April/May TBA

Mormon Station Muster (NCWV)

—Genoa, NV
—April TBA

Fort Churchill (NCWV)

—Fort Churchill, NV
—May 25-27

Nevada State Fair (NCWV)

—Carson City
—June 7-10

Graeagle (RACW)

—Graeagle, CA
—June 29-July 1

Duncan's Mills (CHAS)

—Gourneville, CA
—July 14-15

Humboldt River Campaign (NCWV)

—Winnemucca, NV
—August 17-19

Virginia City (CCWR)

—Virginia City, NV
—August 30-September 2

Celtic Festival (NCWV)

—Reno, NV
—October 13-14

Kearney Park (ACWA)

—Fresno, CA
—October 18-21

Nevada Day Parade (NCWV)

—Carson City, NV
—October 27

Veteran's Day Parade (NCWV)

—Reno/Virginia City, NV
—November 11

NCWV Christmas Military Ball

—Carson City, NV
—December TBA



Characters of Nevada History: Governor Reinhold Sadler

Sadler was born on January 10, 1848 in Czarnikau, Posen Province, Prussia. His education was limited to the common schools of his native country. He immigrated to the United States first moving to Virginia City, and later Eureka. He married Louise Zadow in Hamilton, Nevada on May 26, 1874, and the couple had six children, Wihlemina, William Arthur, Bertha, Edgar, Alfred and Clarence.

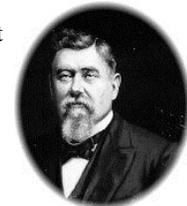
Sadler settled in Eureka, Nevada and worked as a miner, a miller, and a mer-

chant. He was elected treasurer of Eureka County in 1880.

After two unsuccessful campaigns for state offices, he was elected the tenth Lieutenant Governor in 1895. After the death of Governor John E. Jones, Sadler became Acting Governor, making him only the third foreign-born governor of Nevada.; he was elected Governor in his own right in 1898. During his tenure, the Farmer's Institute was launched and the State Board of Assessors was established.

After finishing out his term Sadler returned to Eureka, and resumed his various business enterprises. He was a Stalwart Silver candidate for U. S. Representative at large in 1904, but was not successful.

Sadler died in Eureka on January 30, 1906, at the age of 58. He is interred at Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada.



The little-known history of Hamilton, NV

Hamilton rapidly came into being after discovery of rich silver ore in the area. The first settlers found shelter in local caves, which were numerous. By May 1868, the settlement, then known as "Cave City" was formed.

The town boomed following the discovery of rich silver deposits nearby. By that winter, it had approximately 600 inhabitants. It was soon renamed for mine promoter W.H. Hamilton. The post office first opened for business on August 10, 1868 while the community was still part of Lander County, Nevada. White Pine County was formed in March 1869 and Hamilton was selected as the first county seat. By its peak during the summer of 1869, Hamilton's population was estimated at 12,000. There were close to 100 saloons, several breweries, 60 general

stores, and numerous other businesses.

There were also theaters, dance halls, skating rinks, a Miners' Union Hall, and a fraternal order located in the thriving community. Close to 200 mining companies were operating in the area.

However, Hamilton's prosperity was not to last. It was soon discovered that the local ore deposits proved shallow. Subsequently, by 1870, less than two years after its founding, the community was already in decline. Once the shallow nature of the local ore deposits became known, many of the mining companies left the area. Hamilton's population and economy began a rapid decline. At the census of 1870, the population was 3,915, less than a third of what it had been estimated at the previous summer. On June 27, 1873, a large fire spread through-

out the business district and caused an estimated \$600,000 in damage, a huge sum at the time. Most businesses that burnt down were abandoned, and not rebuilt. By this time, the town's population was estimated to have shrunk to only 500. Another fire destroyed the courthouse at Hamilton along with all of the records in January 1885. County records began to be kept at the Ely courthouse begin January 5, 1885. Although Hamilton was the first county seat of White Pine County, the rapidly shrinking community lost that designation to the town of Ely in 1887.

The Hamilton post office closed in 1931.

NCWV Members attend Fort Point Event

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers received special recognition at the annual Fort Point Living History Day. Recognition was given because the club had nine members present, all of whom were contributing significantly to the experience of the tourists that day.

Confederate Chief of Staff Luke Bullis and Sharpshooter Sam Schnorbus took charge of the artillery demonstration on the original guns from the post. Captain Wayne Bechard portrayed a Union Medical Service Officer, answering many questions from the public about the evolution of medicine during the American Civil War.

Vice Commander Robert Burr and Director Hunter Ketcham portrayed members of the 28th Massachusetts Infantry, standing multiple guard shifts at the gate.

Commander Noah Jennings and Sergeant Garrett Hasslinger served as members of the

command staff for the post: Jennings as the cavalry attaché from Benicia, and Hasslinger as the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. Both will occupy these posts for the ACWA Union Battalion as well.

Trooper Mia Guidry and her mother Tina portrayed local women who were in the fort, speaking to members of the public about civilian life, and hamming it up in various scenarios throughout the day.

Morning began at the fort with a formation at which all units reported their strength. Next was the official procedure for opening the gate of the Fort. There were several steps that took place in the process:

1. A detachment of soldiers takes up position at the interior gate, with rifles aimed through the slats. A second group takes post in the sally port with weapons aimed toward the outer gate.

2. Next, a group led by an officer files into the sally port and awaits clearance. When cleared, the group opens a small man gate and files out with weapons aimed downrange. The officer in charge then leads the group around the perimeter of the fort until he is satisfied there is no threat. They then return and open the gate.
3. After both gates are open, the first full morning parade is held, in which the flag is raised and all personnel are inspected. The fort then goes about the business of the day.

The day ended with a hide and go seek game in the fort, and afterwards the Nevada delegation went to dinner in the city. Sunday included a tour of San Francisco National Cemetery. All who went highly recommend the event!

Recruiting and Retention Corner—Total: 136

Union Battalion

—Total: 51

140th PA/9th OH Infantry

—Commander: 2LT Robert Burr

—Members: 22

7th MI Cavalry

—Commander: 1LT Noah Jennings

—Members: 22

1st RI Light Artillery

—Commander: 1SG Skip Hammergren

—Members: 5

Medical Detachment

—Commander: CPT Wayne Bechard

—Members: 2

Confederate Battalion

—Total: 23

4th Texas Infantry

—Commander: SGT Michael Barth

—Members: 11

2nd Co., SC Sharpshooters

—Commander: 2LT Luke Bullis

—Members: 6

Norfolk Light Artillery Blues

—Commander: SGM Fred Grune

—Members: 3

14th Texas Cavalry

—Commander: OSG David Childs

—Members: 3

Civilian Corps

—Total: 31

Fort Churchill Living History Organization

—Total: 31

NCWV Christmas Military Ball—An Evening to Remember

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers Christmas Military Ball went over extremely well on December 16th.

The evening began with the National Anthem and Invocation. Next, Commander Jennings and Director Ketcham dedicated the POW/MIA Table in the front of the room. A memorial was given to Sergeant Major Jack Eschenhaur, and a moment of silence took place.

Next, Commander Jennings presented awards from the year.

Trooper Karyn Young and Corporal Tom Harris were presented the Order of the Golden Horse in recognition of their

efforts in support of the cavalry. The Living History Ladies, Becca Van Sickle, the Cooper Family, and David Childs were presented with the Commander's Commendation for outstanding service.

Dr. Rex Reed was given the Chaplain Frederic Denison Medal for his work as the Command Chaplain of NCWV. The Cannoneer's Order of St. Barbara was bestowed upon Ray Ahrenholz in recognition of his tenure of service in the Artillery. Hunter Ketcham was inducted into the Almond Brown Wells Order of the Nevada Cavalry.

Next, the units which achieved growth

on the level of the goal set by the Commander in February were recognized. These are: FCLHO, the Civilian Corps, the 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, the 14th Texas Cavalry, the 4th Texas Infantry, and the 7th Michigan Cavalry.

Dancing commenced and fun was had by all. One highlight was the waltz in which Gus blindfolded the men!

Thanks to Becca's leadership, to Barbara White for paying for Gus' services, to ALSOCO for the linens, and to all who worked tirelessly to ensure the event went off without a hitch!

Minutes of the January 22nd Meeting

Call to Order: 18:19 hours by Commander Jennings.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Role was called, and a quorum was established.

Public Comment: Commander Jennings introduced Henri and Tom Stone as new members.

Officer Reports:

Commander: We did some Bell Ringing during the holidays. The funerals have been held for Jack Eschenaur.

Vice Commander: (none)

Inspector General: (none)

Adjunct General: 2017 Donation summary \$1,607.00.

Union Chief of Staff: Reminded everyone to be prepared and ready to play with powder, caps, etc.

Confederate Chief of Staff: Bring your own powder.

Civilian Chief of Staff: Ball was a huge success. \$1,837.76 was generated by ticket sales, raffle and silent auction items.

Staff Reports:

Historian: Paulette Grune graciously accepted the Historian position. Rebecca will get her the books and any other information that she requests to continue. She mentioned that she still has some used clothing from The McConnell Estate, just contact her for articles and sizes.

Chaplain: Rex Reed had no report.

Cavalry: Mike Creager reported the cavalry have been doing some trail rides and there are a few new members.

Artillery: Ray Ahrenholz nothing to report

Ordinance: Fred Grune nothing to report

Approval of the Minutes: November 2017 Meeting - tabled

Financial Report: Cash on Hand: \$4,106.35. Detailed report on file.

Old Business:

Genoa Candy Dance: Tom Stone reported the DCMP is still tallying monies owed to the various service clubs and that amount should be forthcoming soon.

Monarch Direct Invoice(s): Mel will double check the financials to determine which invoices have been paid. She asked Noah to tell them that we need SEPARATE invoices & invoice numbers for better tracking of payments.

NCWV Web Site: Commander Jennings got a couple of bids for setting up a web page. After general discussion and review of the bids, and appointing Hunter Ketcham and Robert Burr admins for the site, a motion was made by Hunter Ketcham, seconded by Rob Sewell to use the Wix platform for our new web page at \$120.00 per year. Motion carried. One nay.

Our Lady of Snows School Day: FYI

Lyon County Fair Contract: Lowell Higley asked if there had been a contract in place at the 2017 Lyon County Fair. It was determined that there was.

New Business:

Proposed "NCWV Board of Education": (A copy of Proposal attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. A discussion was held. DebiLynn Smith moved that we accept this proposal, seconded by Luke Bullis. Motion carried.

Appropriations in the 2018 for the Medical and Civilian Corps:

Proposed amount of up to \$300.00 to be allotted to the Medical Corps.

Proposed amount of up to \$300.00 to be allotted to the Civilian Corps.

David Cooper moved to grant these allocations, Lowell Higley seconded. Motion Carried.

Douglas High School Cantonment Day: Tentatively scheduled for Mid-March. Sunday night set up available. Horses have not been approved yet.

Nevada State Fair 2018: June 7th – 10th. Mills Park. Volunteers needed.

Good of the Order:

Development of the 2018 Goals: Tabled

Membership Report: Total membership is currently 132. Breakdown by unit available with the Inspector General.

Upcoming Events:

Fort Point: January 27th

RACW Sweetheart Ball: February 10th Noah gave his two tickets and hotel voucher to Mel & Dave Cooper.

Schedule Next Meeting : February 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM location TBD.

Public Comment:

DebiLynn Smith brought Pony Express applications if anyone was interesting in joining that group.

DebiLynn Smith stated that Bodie Day would be on August 11th this year FYI, more into to follow.

Dave Cooper said he was the POC for The Sutro Elementary School and Dayton Middle School events. More info to follow.

PACWAR Meeting in Sacramento on February 24th. Noah is going and will have some room for those who may wish to go.

2018 Tactical will be coordinated by Luke Bullis. To be held in Genoa at Mormon Station State Park. Rebecca Van Sickle will give him the contact information for the park. It will be a NCWV Tactical **only**, guests are welcome.

Adjournment: Rex Reed moved for adjournment. Adjournment at 19:22 hours.

We take pause to remember the victims of the shooting in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017. All NCWV personnel were confirmed safe the morning of October 2nd, and for that we are thankful. Please send your prayers to our fellow Nevadans in these troubling times. Thanks to all who have given their support.



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The Nevada Civil War Volunteers is a non-profit formed in 1980 in Nevada for the purpose of educating the public about the American Civil War. Each year we host and participate in several historical re-enactments, living history events, parades and ceremonies all over Northern Nevada and California.



Commander's Call

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I cannot even begin to tell you all how excited I am for the 2018 Season!

2017 was a year of tremendous growth for our organization, and the start of 2018 has already brought us almost 10 new members. Let's keep the momentum rolling in our organization. With all of the enthusiasm I see in everything we do, the energy is just so infectious, and I love it!

Many of you may have already noticed, but we are back online at nevadacivilwar.org, and it has never looked better! I encourage all of our member to check it out. Make use of the event registration functions, and just go see the information provided on our units and history. There's a lot to see, and the site is bigger than ever before. Similarly, if you have any suggestions, please let myself or Hunter

Ketcham know.

At the January Meeting, the Staff approved creation of the NCWV Board of Education, which will be compiling all of our lessons and educational curriculum, so it can be presented to schools and districts when we go to visit. If you would like to file a lesson with the organization, feel free to do so through the Vice Commander, Robert Burr.

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers is on a roll right now, and we have great cause to celebrate where we are. Please don't let the roll end. We are moving forward at a record pace, and that is because of the efforts of all of you. The members fuel everything we do, so thank you so much!

Moving forward, I have a few main goals. I would like to see our organization grow even more, so work on recruiting for your units.

I would like to see NCWV members develop our individual impressions more. Letters home, a diary or two. Simple thoughts and ideas can really take your impression a long way.

Education will continue to be our most important mission, and we will have a presence in our Nevada and California schools on a greater level than ever before.

I hope to see every one of our members at some point this year. If you ever have questions, or need any assistance at all, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

With that, I thank you for your continued support. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to better serve you and the interests of our organization.

—Noah L. Jennings, Commander