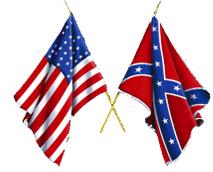


# The Sentinel



## Students see and touch history—*Record Courier*

Students at Douglas High School wanted to see, touch and live history instead of studying a textbook, so they created a class with history teacher Ethan Petite that gives them the hands-on experience they are looking for. Some of that hands-on learning could be heard Wednesday as a cannon and rifles blasted on the front lawn of the high school.

Nevada Civil War Volunteers, a reenactment group, set up set up Union and Confederate encampments on campus, then Petite's students went through stations to learn about life during the Civil War. Students engaged with the reenactors and had the opportunity to shoot different types of firearms used during the era, including a cannon. In the medical tent they learned that the most common form of death during the Civil War was not necessarily from a battle wound, but from the hands of a doctor.

"Back then, they didn't think about sanitation, they didn't know about infections and disease that can spread from things we consider common sense, like washing your hands, cleaning the knives, sheets, etc.," said freshman Autumn Loewen.

After students visited each station, a reenactment of a battle between the Confederate

and Union armies was presented with gunfire, injuries and deaths. Petite said the goal was to allow the students to physically interact with and utilize Civil War-era artifacts. "I'm really pleased with the turnout of this," he said. "Looking around I see 100 percent engagement. Not one student is on their phone or talking with friends. Their focus is on the speaker and they're interested in what is going on. You can't get that much focus with a textbook."

Petite's class is an elective course called The History of Human Conflict: Warfare, Terrorism, and Genocide. It touches on the changes and continuities in warfare from the first civilizations through the American Civil War while using artifacts, demonstrations and reenactments to give the students a real-life look through the past in comparison with the present.

Petite said it is the first year the course is being offered at the high school. "Students needed an extra class when the seventh period was added to the schedule," he said. "So this class was created as an elective originally for seniors and for one semester, but now I have three classes and at least 90 students."

Petite said he provides debriefing handouts to the students after each unit to hear their

feedback on the class. He is looking for improvements, ideas and the students' overall thoughts on the curriculum. "I have been trying to find as many ways as possible to get the students out of the textbook, because one, we don't have one, and two we are making this up as we go along," he said.

He went on to say a lot of the ideas for what the class does come from the students. He said they wanted to learn about fencing, so he brought in a fencing instructor from the Parks and Recreation Department to give them a demonstration on Spanish fencing, along with teaching them the origins of fencing and the techniques and uses of it. "I'd love to continue this class and do this all the time, but we are creating this from scratch and need to see what works and what doesn't work," he said.

Many students said the class is a lot of fun. They said they enjoy the hands-on experience and being able to have a say in what they learn or what they think needs improvement.

"I think it's a great way to learn," said senior Ryan Slack. "We actually get to interact with the artifacts instead of just reading about them in a textbook. It's a different way of learning and it makes it more interesting." —*Sarah Drinkwine, Record Courier, April 1, 2017*

## Fort Churchill Living History Org. joins NCWV

The April meeting was marked by the acceptance of the Fort Churchill Living History Organization as a subsidiary of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.

CSM Bryan Staples, USA ret., Vice President of the FCLHO, was on hand at the meeting. He said the organization is excited about the partnership formed by the

merging of the groups. Members of the FCLHO have already begun attending events with and on behalf of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.

The FCLHO portrays the Department of the Pacific, US Army, during the Indian Wars. Members portray Department Headquarters Battalion, the 8th US Caval-

ry Regiment, the 2nd US Artillery Regiment, and the 9th US Infantry Regiment. The group also has a Non-Combatant Corps which portrays civilian impressions of the time.

Both NCWV Commander Noah Jennings and FCLHO President Mark Pavelek are excited about the partnership and new opportunities.

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## The 140th's path to Gettysburg

Following Union reverses in the Seven Days' Battles, Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania issued a proclamation on July 21st 1862 for the enlistment of an additional 21 volunteer infantry regiments in addition to those already in service. Amongst these regiments would be the 140th Pennsylvania.

On September 9th the regiment is sent to Parkton, Maryland to guard the North Central Railway during the time of Lee's first invasion of the North. At the end of the Antietam Campaign and the Confederate withdrawal out of Maryland the regiment was free to get to work on the long process of becoming professional soldiers with a daily routine of drill, building, and guard duty. Religious services, mostly led by the officers were conducted every morning in the company streets.

In December the 140th was finally sent to the front. They arrived to join the Union Army of the Potomac after the

disaster at Fredricksburg. They were assigned to General Zook's brigade in the 2nd Corps along with the 52nd, 57th, and 66th New York regiments. At this point the regiment numbered 970 and after the battle of Fredricksburg numbered nearly as much as the rest of the brigade put together. As they entered their camp they were "joshed" by the Irish brigade as they passed by for their Vincennes rifles and referred as "walking artillery." However, soon new Springfield rifles would be supplied to the company.

With the coming of the Spring of 1863 the 140th was on the move. They crossed the Rappahannock along with 60,000 men of the Army of the Potomac and arrived at a wooden crossroads near Chancellorsville. It was around this time that Corps badges were distributed to the men. The men of the 140th received the red trefoil (clover) representing the 1st division of the 2nd corps.

On May 3rd the regiment received its first real test under fire. They came under fire from 30 Confederate cannons with Confederate infantry moving in on them. It was here that several of the men rescued two artillery pieces of the 5th Maine artillery.

After Chancellorsville the 140th would join the Union Army in pursuing Lee during his second invasion of the North. The 140th would arrive at the Gettysburg in time for the second day of battle. At the time the regiment had a strength of 589 men. The regiment and the rest of Zook's brigade were hurried to the Wheatfield where the 3rd Corps was in a precarious situation. This was the heaviest fighting the 140th would experience during the war. In addition to the death of Colonel Roberts, Company C would see the death of Captain Acheson.

## Standard issue equipment of the 140th

### Headgear

—Forage cap w/ red clover designating 1st Division, 2nd Corps

### Uniform Jacket

—Early service: frock coat with blue piping

—Late war: Union blue sack coat

### Trousers

—Schulykill pattern sky blue trousers

### Footwear

—Brogans

### Weapons

—Early service: .69cal Vincennes Musket w/ sword bayonet

—Mid-war service: M1861 Springfield Rifle

—Late war service: M1863 Springfield/Enfield Rifles

### Cartridge Box

—Early service: M1857 Cartridge Box

—Mid-late war service: M1861 Box

### Cap Box

—M1850 Cap Box

### Knapsack

—Standard issue w/ "140th Penna Vol., Co. (letter)" in white lettering

### Canteen

—Dark or sky blue wool covered



## History of Company C

The men of Company C were recruited throughout Washington County, Penn. Instrumental in the recruiting was David Acheson, the man who would later become the company's captain. At the start of the war Acheson was a student at Washington College. Coming from a strong Unionist family he was motivated to serve and enlisted immediately in 1861 in response to the call for three month volunteers. After his three month enlistment expired he returned to his studies for a short time before being motivated to begin recruiting in response to Governor Curtin's proclamation. Acheson would prove to a determined recruiter and journeyed across the entire county seeking men to enlist. This effort would help to recruit five companies of infantry for the

war effort. He would subsequently be elected as captain of Company C.

The men were sent to Camp Distribution near Pittsburg. They were examined by a surgeon of the army. After being sworn in they measured for uniforms and given ready made trousers but not all had properly fitting attire and were forced to either trade with someone else or buy or alter at their own expense. In September they were sent to Camp Curtin in Harrisburg. There the men are given the rest of the uniforms and equipment. The five companies are merged with other companies to form the 140th Pennsylvania Volunteers. It is here that Richard Roberts is elected Colonel for the regiment.



Vice Commander David Cooper has a direct link to the 140th Pennsylvania Infantry—his great grandfather was Corporal David Cooper of Company C. This is the basis for the existence of the company in the Federal Battalion of NCWW.



Company C, 140th Pennsylvania Infantry in battle

## This month in the Civil War: April

1861

The bloodiest four years in American history begin when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort. On April 13, U.S. Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort. Two days later, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteer soldiers to quell the Southern "insurrection."

As early as 1858, the ongoing conflict between North and South over the issue of slavery had led Southern leadership to discuss a unified separation from the United States. By 1860, the majority of the slave states were publicly threatening secession if the Republicans, the anti-slavery party, won the presidency.

Following Republican Abraham Lincoln's victory over the divided Democratic Party in November 1860, South Carolina immediately initiated secession proceedings. On December 20, the South Carolina legislature passed the "Ordinance of Secession," which declared that "the Union now subsisting between South Carolina and other states, under the name of the United States of America, is hereby dissolved." After the declaration, South Carolina set about seizing forts, arsenals, and other strategic locations within the state. Within six weeks, five more Southern states—Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana—had followed South Carolina's lead.

1865

On April 9, General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to General U.S. Grant. On the evening of April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth, a

famous actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shot President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. The attack came only five days after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his massive army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, effectively ending the American Civil War.



1861



1865

## Nevada's mis-placed Medal of Honor

In 1868, four years after Nevada became a state, the Army Medal of Honor from the Civil War era was still being awarded to cavalry soldiers for gallantry in action. One was supposed to go to a private from Camp Winfield Scott in Northern Nevada for rescuing comrades who had been wounded in a skirmish with Paiutes. But the medal never caught up with Pvt. James C. Reid during his travels with Company A of the 8th U.S. Cavalry after his unit moved to a post in the Arizona Territory in 1869.

Not only that, the name of Reid, an Irish immigrant from San Francisco, was spelled "Reed" on the medal's citation. And the place of his heroic actions on April 29, 1868, was mistakenly listed as Arizona Territory. Instead, the clash occurred near Hinkey Summit, 50 miles north of Winnemucca in Humboldt County, according to a Nevada National Guard historian and a retired colonel who hiked to a cave there in October accompanied by an Air Force major and a Forest Service archaeologist. They believe Reid fended off the attackers from inside the cave and cared for his wounded lieutenant and sergeant, and a private who died there.

"An oblong cave ... surrounded on the side by high and perpendicular rocks affording a solitary entrance of not more than six feet in width" is described in a handwritten incident report by 8th

Cavalry 1st Lt. Joseph W. Karge. It matches the steep, remote landscape near Hinkey Summit that has remained undeveloped, essentially frozen in time.

Another clue to solving the location mystery is that Company A was the only one in Nevada. Most of the dozen 8th Cavalry companies were in California and the Pacific Northwest. "I cannot forebear to make special mention of the heroic behavior of Pvt. James C. Reid, who, being the only sound man in the party, stood nobly to his work in defending the lives of his disabled comrades," Karge wrote in his report.

The incident was also described by the Humboldt County Register in a June 20, 1868, editorial.

So after 148 years, Nevada Guard officials are crafting a petition for the Army Human Resources Command to correct the location of where Reid's search party was ambushed by 17 Paiutes it was pursuing on suspicion of stealing and killing a horse. A rancher and a scout who were with the party ran for help and later guided Karge to the scene.

If the command accepts the evidence and changes the citation, it will be the only Medal of Honor awarded for action in Nevada.

"This is important to Nevada because it is our nation's highest medal for valor and

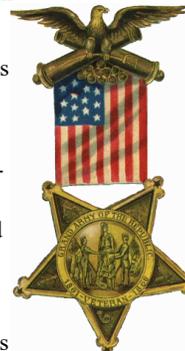
this medal is the only one received for action in this state," said Nevada Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus, a public affairs specialist who is leading the charge to correct the record.

"Forty Medals of Honor were awarded at the same time, and they sent Reid's to the wrong location," Marcus said. There is no mention of the medal in Reid's pension or service records from the 1880s, he added.

"Reid died a broken man," he said. His date of death is unknown, but he was hospitalized in 1882 for alcoholism and rheumatism and, at age 52, applied for admission to the Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C.

### MOH Citation

"The President of the United States, in the name of The Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Reid, James C., Private, Company A, 8th US Cavalry for heroism on 29 April, 1868 in Arizona. Reason: Defended his position (with 3 others) against a party of 17 hostile Indians under heavy fire at close quarters, the entire party except himself being severely wounded."



## NCWV has a ♥ for FISH Emergency Referral Services

FISH is a NV non-profit established in May, 1979, to help those in need. It does not rely on the government for funding. Nearly 99% of the multi-million dollar budget is funded through the local community via donations and grants, saving millions of dollars in taxes for the communities that FISH serves.

By creating a stable living environment, and providing nutritious meals, FISH clients find a renewed hope. With hope, clients can more accurately assess their behaviors and skills, and develop a willingness to change behaviors and improve their skills. Clients create goals and FISH holds them accountable. The client just needs to follow through. As clients achieve small goals, they work on bigger goals, like develop-

ing skills to move from a minimum wage part-time job to a higher pay full-time job. FISH provides Food, Instruction, Shelter, and Health care to individuals in need throughout Carson, Douglas and Lyon Counties.

Each year, FISH holds its Have a Heart celebrity dinner, in which local celebrities serve individuals at their dinner, competing for tips to raise money for FISH. Tickets are \$65 per person, or \$500 for a table of 8. There are sittings at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.

This year, NCWV will have three tables at the event. The first two will be at the 5:30pm sitting. One will represent the Union Battalion, while the other represents the Confederate Brigade. Commander Noah Jennings and Vice Commander Dave Cooper will serve the

Union table. Adjutant General Melanie Cooper, Signal Officer Hunter Ketcham, and Confederate Chief of Staff Robert Burr will serve the Confederate table.

At the 7:30pm sitting, Signal Officer Hunter Ketcham and Veronica Weaver will serve another table for NCWV. Tickets will go on sale soon, and will be available for purchase from Commander Jennings.



## Members receive POST certified mounted training

Commander Jennings and members Mike Creager, Tom Harris, Karyn Young and Christina Costanzo spent the last week of April in Carson City at Fuji Park. What were they doing there? The group was taking the Carson City Sheriff's Department Mounted Law Enforcement Academy.

The annual course is sponsored by the Carson City Sheriff's Department and brings in officers ranging from the Washoe County Sheriff, and Sparks Police Department to the Douglas County Sheriff and Department of Agriculture.

The lead instructor is Deputy Joe Bruno, Commander of the Carson Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Enrollment for the class this year was up over 40 horses, and the group that represented the Nevada Civil War Volunteers did exceedingly well. From formation riding to crowd control, k-9 involvement, arrests and defensive tactics, all the way to a trail trial, the group rode well.

It's of note that four of the five NCWV horses in the course are wild mustangs that were captured by the Bureau of Land Management, trained at Northern Nevada Correctional Center, and sold through the horse auctions there.

The horses NCWV brought to the table were among the best, and they were commended by Deputy Bruno and his instructors.

In addition to horses, NCWV also provided artillery for the final test and certification on the last evening of the course.



## NCWV to host Dayton Valley School Day on May 22

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers will be putting on a school day similar to the Douglas High day for the schools in Dayton Valley. Students from Dayton Intermediate and Dayton High Schools will be present for the day to learn and experience all kinds of history.

Members available are asked to contact Rebecca Van Sickle or Noah Jennings to ensure we have an accurate count and idea of who will be present.

**WHAT:** School day for Dayton Valley students

**WHEN:** May 22, 2017, please report by 07:00 if possible

**SET-UP:** Members should be able to set up tents the evening before, and they will be kept under guard.

**WHERE:** 315 Dayton Valley Road, Dayton, NV 89403

**CONTACT:** Rebecca Van Sickle at [vansic13@gmail.com](mailto:vansic13@gmail.com) or Noah Jennings at 775-297-5854



## 2017 Schedule

### 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

### Have a ♥ Dinner (FISH)

Carson City, NV

June 24

### Graeagle (RACW)

Graeagle, CA

July 1-2

### Duncan's Mills (CHAS)

Guerneville, CA

July 15-16

### CowboyCon (NCWV)

Reno, NV

August 4-6

### 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

### V&T Railroad Dates

- June 10
- June 24
- July 22
- August 26
- September 23
- October 14

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: V&T Railroad Wine Trains

NCWV has been asked to provide servers for the V&T Railroad Wine Trains this year. The dates are listed on the 2017 Schedule above. Volunteers are asked to show up to the Carson Depot on US-50 in uniform by 4:30pm, and will be done by 6:30pm. We require 2-4 individuals per train, and will receive a donation for each train.

Members interested are asked to contact Hunter Ketcham by email at [hketcham913@gmail.com](mailto:hketcham913@gmail.com) or phone at 775-220-1432.



## NCWV helps bring Civil War to Mariposa

Commander Jennings and Wayne Bechard braved the snow of the pass and rain all through the weekend to attend the American Civil War Association's event at Mariposa, CA.

In the pouring rain, Jennings and Bechard stood soaking and speaking to over 400 students from all over the area who were extremely excited to learn about the American Civil War. As the weekend continued, the weather improved, and the event yielded good fighting and great comradery with our sister clubs in California. NCWV was featured by name in a Sierra Star article about the event.

Jennings was joined by Garrett Has-slinger of CHAS, who rode for the cavalry for the first time in battle.



## Adjutant General Bullis leaves the market

As of his April 22nd wedding, Adjutant General Luke Bullis is no longer available—sorry ladies! Mr. Bullis married the lovely Desiree Nordgren of Fallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullis wasted no time in honeymooning to Florida for the last week of April.

### Congratulations!



## ThRecruiting and Retention Corner—Total:104

### Union Battalion

—Total: 32

140th PA/9th OH Infantry

—Commander: CPT Peter Aylworth

—Members: 12

7th MI Cavalry

—Commander: CPT Chance Brown

—Members: 14

1st RI Light Artillery

—Members: 4

Medical Detachment

—Commander: CPT Wayne Bechard

—Members: 2

### Confederate Battalion

—Total: 20

4th Texas Infantry

—Commander: SGT Michael Barth

—Members: 11

2nd Co., SC Sharpshooters

—Commander: 1LT Robert Burr

—Members: 7

Norfolk Light Artillery Blues

—Commander: SGM Fred Grune

—Members: 2

### Non-Combatant Corps

—Total: 28

### Fort Churchill Living History Organization

—Total: 24

## Mysterious death of Stonewall Jackson explained

Most people who are familiar with Civil War history know that Thomas J.

“Stonewall” Jackson, the famous Confederate Lieutenant General, died a very peculiar death. His own men accidentally shot him in the Battle of Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863.

But what really happened on that fateful night? Although historians generally state that Jackson was shot because of the darkness and confusion on the battlefield, the waters of history have been fairly muddy on this particular subject. Jackson’s fame led many people—from both sides of the conflict—to claim that they were involved in his death, and conspiracy theories of murder and

foul play have surfaced every once in a while.

The question was finally answered in 2013, near the 150th anniversary of the great general’s death (which may or may not have been a happy coincidence). Two astronomers painstakingly calculated the phases of the moon during that fateful night. When Jackson was returning to his troops, the moon was so dim it would only have revealed his silhouette. When the fatigued, frightened soldiers were startled by this mysterious, soldier-shaped shadow, they instinctively opened fire . . . only to find to their horror that they had felled their own commander.



## Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Meeting

The April Meeting was convened at 19:02 on April 5, 2017, by Noah Jennings, Commander. Inspector General Luke Bullis was marked excused, and arrived later in the meeting.

Under public comment, Commander Jennings introduced guests Kira Costarella and Kelly Evans from Douglas High School, Diane Rea from the American Tea Mistresses, and Jodi Ray and Janet Dunlap from Comstock Civil War Re-enactors.

The next order of business was Officer Reports. Commander Jennings reported on successful work with schools and thanked all those who have been actively working on behalf of NCWV. Adjutant General Melanie Cooper reported income of \$850 and expenditures of \$74.00 for the month of March. She also stated insurance needed to be purchased. A motion to authorize an expenditure for up to \$950.00 for purchase of insurance was made by Dr. Rex Reed and seconded by Debi-lynn Smith. The motion passed. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Paulette Grune, seconded by Dave Cooper and passed.

The approval of the March 15, 2017, meeting minutes was moved by Melanie Cooper and seconded by Peter Aylworth, the motion passed.

Under old business, Commander Jennings reported on the Silver State Tactical. It was stated more battles were needed. He then moved on to speak about the success at Douglas High School, and that we have been asked back. The agreement making the Fort Churchill Living History Organization a subsidiary of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers was ratified. Susie Giurlani spoke about the Genoa Cowboy Festival and invited all to attend.

Dr. Reed, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, then reported the final recommendations of the committee to the membership. The proposed revisions were included with the March 2017 edition of The Sentinel. After clarifying questions by the membership, a motion to make the necessary changes and pass the bylaws was made by Rob Sewell and seconded by Mike Creager. The motion passed, and the revised bylaws went into effect immediately.

The first item of new business was the Staff vote to approve the Rules and Regulations that were allotted for by the revised bylaws. Motion to pass was made by Melanie Cooper and seconded by Peter Aylworth. The motion passed unanimously. Next was the election for the new position of Vice Commander. Commander Jennings opened nominations to the floor. David Cooper was the only individual nominated. Nominations were closed, and a white ballot in affirmation of David Cooper's election was cast by the Inspector General. The next item of business was the appointment of an NCWV member to the FCLHO Board of Directors. Vice Commander Cooper presided over the vote. Melanie Cooper moved that Noah Jennings be appointed. Rob Sewell seconded, and the motion passed. Next was the appointment of the FCLHO Representative to the Aides-de-Camp. Melanie Cooper moved that Bryan Staples be appointed to the position, and Byron Johnson seconded his nomination. With no discussion, the motion passed.

Next under new business was the appointment of the Curator of Education. Melanie Cooper nominated Rebecca Van Sickle, and DebiLynn Smith seconded the nomination. The nomination was confirmed. The next item was to decide whether NCWV would attend CowboyCon from August 4-6 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. A motion was made to pay the \$250 for registration by David Cooper, and seconded by Toni Van Cleave. The motion passed. The next item of discussion was Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. As the event is still four months away, Mike Creager moved the item be tabled for further discussion. The item was tabled.

Under Good of the Order, a memorial was given to Chuck Tinder and Kenneth Kruger. Next, donors for the month of March were recognized. Total donations amounted over \$600.00 in March. Commander Jennings provided a membership report and update. The April 22nd date of the Bullis wedding was confirmed for the membership.

The May meeting was not scheduled. Prior to adjournment there was no public comment made. A motion was made by Dr. Reed to adjourn the meeting at 20:10. Motion required no second, and was approved unanimously by membership.

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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

What a month we have had! I would like to welcome our new members from the Fort Churchill Living History Organization. I have no doubt that our partnership will be a great one as we move into the future together!

Our members continually impress me with their dedication and abilities. It seems every time I turn around, a new event has popped up and we have more members on their way out to help educate the public about the American Civil War.

I'm extremely thankful to belong to the Nevada Civil War Volunteers family for that reason, among many others. At the end of the April meeting, everyone did not just try to get up and leave. Even after over an hour of meeting, many of our members stuck around and were still talking to and enjoying seeing each other. I think that we will continue the potluck meeting concept into the future after seeing

that.

We finally got through our bylaws changes, so what I would like to see now is some work on our organization and the future. At the next couple of meetings, I would like for us to work on setting goals and developing our long range plan. We have a lot of important work to do, and we need a guiding light to continue moving in a good direction.

After 37 years of operation, we are the oldest organization of our kind in the state of Nevada. Furthermore, we are continually growing upward and outward, expanding our mission and the scope of what we are capable of accomplishing. We have done so much in the last few months alone, and there is still more to come.

With May coming up, we are closing in on our largest event of the year, the Nevada State Fair Rendezvous. This is my principle event, and I would ask that if anyone is able to help me out

with some of the operations and planning for the event, please let me know as soon as you can. The schedule will be published as soon as possible.

I hope to see every one of our members there at the park, and I would love to see our spread for the event be doubled. Company K Mercantile will be present with Civil War gear. If you have been waiting to buy something, this will be the place to do so.

In the meantime, please remember I am here to serve you. My door is always open, and I am always in search of new ideas, so feel free to bring me anything you think of. I look forward to what we will continue to accomplish!

—Noah L. Jennings, Commander