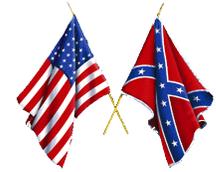


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Tragedy Strikes Las Vegas—Nevadans Respond with Strength

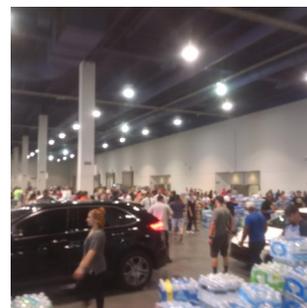
On the evening of October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire on attendees of the Route 91 music festival in Las Vegas.

In the hours that followed, it as the priority of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers to ensure all personnel were safe, and to respond to as many calls for aide as possible.

The response of the group was amazing, with many donating blood, supplies, and time. Several members attended memorials across the state.

As the strip darkened, we saw the Reno Arch and Capital Dome go dark, and around the world our allies joined us in remembering the now 59 killed, and 545 who were wounded.

May the remainder of our year and the years to come be dedicated to those who we lost from our family.



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1st Place for NCWV in Parade

On August 19th, the Nevada Civil War Volunteers marched to glory for a 1st Place win at the Lyon County Fair Parade.

Members of the Civilian Corps, the 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, the Medical Corps, and the 1st Nevada Cavalry marched down Main Street in Yerington, winning the hearts and

cheers of the town, and indeed the whole county.

The end of the parade route was celebrated by a McDonalds stop. Many folks stopped to take pictures on seeing the horses moving in formation to get their Coca-Cola and fries from the restaurant's drive-thru.

The Command Staff would

like to extend sincere thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Clements Sullivan for her outstanding work in putting together the entry, as well as Mrs. Judy Quinlan for her efforts in managing to appear in multiple places in the parade, to include walking with NCWV!





History of the 1st Nevada Cavalry

In the spring of 1862, recruiting for the army in the Nevada Territory began in Virginia City. These early volunteers were mustered into the 3rd California Cavalry, and occupied military posts within the territory. The following spring, Nevada was authorized to raise their own battalion of cavalry for three-years service. Recruitment offices were first opened at Gold Hill and Silver City, and the first men began mustering in on 17 June 1863. Other recruiting stations were later opened in Aurora, Carson City and Genoa and the battalion of six companies would be completed in April 1864.

Company A was recruited in Silver City under Elias Brevoort "Buck" Zabriskie who then became captain. Company B was recruited in Gold Hill under Joseph H. Matthewson who became lieutenant and Noyes Baldwin became captain. These two companies were mustered into service in Salt Lake City. Being the ranking captain, Zabriskie was

offered command of the two companies but declined. Baldwin was then placed in command.

Four more companies were added to the battalion after its mustering. Company C was recruited throughout the state with John H. Dalton as captain. Company D was recruited in Gold Hill with Milo George as captain. Company E was recruited at Genoa, Carson City and Silver City with Robert Lyon as captain. Company F was recruited in Aurora with Joseph W. Calder as captain.

Having never reached full regimental strength, no colonel was appointed to command. Alfred A. C. Williams was appointed major of the battalion on March 18, 1864, and served as the completed battalion's first commander. A month later on April 6, Williams was promoted to lieutenant colonel and Milo George of Company D became major. Major George served as the post commander of Camp Nye in Carson City,

Nevada, with Companies D and E. Williams resigned on December 21, 1864, and George was promoted to the lieutenant colonelcy the following day with Noyes Baldwin eventually succeeding to the position of major on March 31, 1865. Lieutenant Colonel George was in command of the battalion when it was mustered out of service in 1865.

By the end of 1866, the entirety of the 1st Battalion, Nevada Volunteer Cavalry had been mustered out of service. The battalion would once again be reactivated for the Spanish American War, and later was formed into the Nevada National Guard. The spirit of the unit lives on in an NCVW unit, as well as the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 221st Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Troop D—History of our own NCWV Unit

Of the six troops making up the battalion, Troop D was the largest, with a total strength of 152 men.

The Troop was raised in Gold Hill, and Captain Milo George became its first commanding officer. However, soon after Captain George was promoted to Major, with command of Camp Nye, located in Carson City. To replace him, Captain Almond B. Wells was promoted to command Troop D. It was under Cap-

tain Wells that Troop D first went out on the trail for the Expedition to the Humboldt River, which lasted 84 days and covered over 1,200 miles. Their next engagement came in March of 1865 when Troops D and E were sent out to investigate Indian trouble near Mud Lake. Near the lake, Captain Wells and Troop D found the hostile Smoke Creek Paiutes, surrounded them, and killed 29 of them in their attempted escape.

Two months later, Captain Wells and 35 men of Troop D found a group of over 500 Paiute, Shoshone, and Bannock braves on top of Godfrey's Mountain. Along with Troop E, Troop D fought the force until nightfall, when both sides withdrew from the area. Indian Trouble continued for the rest of the summer, and at the end, on November 18, 1865, Troop D was formally mustered out of service.



The Story of BG Almond B. Wells

FORTY YEARS IN SERVICE
Almond B. Wells, brigadier-general, United States Army, retired, died at his home No. 75 Hamilton street, early this morning after an illness extending over a period of about a year and a half. His condition became worse within the past few days and last night was critical. He passed away quietly at about 5 o'clock. General Wells was widely known in military circles and had had a long and honored military career. He was born in Orleans county, New York, June 16, 1842. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted and served honorably through that great struggle. He continued in the United States Army service the remainder of his life until retired by age. He enlisted in the Civil War with three brothers, the youngest a drummer boy of thirteen, and two cousins. The General

enlisted as the First Lieutenant in the First Nevada Cavalry and at Twenty-one years of age he became captain. He was mustered out with his rank in 1865. In 1866 he was appointed second lieutenant of the Eighth United States Cavalry and served with that regiment in New Mexico and Texas as first lieutenant, a captain and then major. He made the famous march from Fort Davis, Texas, to Fort Meade, South Dakota, one of the longest marches ever made by a cavalry regiment. During the Sioux Indian campaign in 1890-91 he commanded troops for nearly a year in the Bad Lands of South Dakota. In 1898 he commanded his regiment when it was sent to Cuba with the army of occupation at the time of the war with Spain. He was after this war promoted to lieutenant of the Ninth Cavalry and sailed

with that regiment under orders for China to reinforce the troops during the Boxer uprising. At Nagasaki, Japan, he received orders to proceed to the Philippine Islands where he served for three years returning to this country as colonel of the First Cavalry.

August 15, 1903 he was retired from service with the rank of brigadier general, having served forty years. He was a member of the Loyal Legion.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Eliza, daughter of the late General Thomas Rush Spencer of this city; two sons, Captain Rush Spencer Wells, of the Eighth United States Cavalry now stationed in the Philippine Islands, Almond B. Wells of this city, the Misses Mary M., and Edith Wells of this city.

Photo Gallery: A Selection of the Autumn



UPCOMING: 2018 NCWV Elections

The election season is once again upon us in NCWV. The Election Committee consists of Dr. Rex Reed (Chair), Hunter M. Ketcham, and Debbie Reed.

Elections will take place on October 28th at the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City at 8:30AM. The nominees for office are as follows:

Office of the Commander

Noah L. Jennings

Office of the Vice Commander

Robert L. Burr

Office of the Adjutant General

Melanie Snyder Cooper

Office of the Inspector General

Vacant

Union Chief of Staff

Peter Aylworth

David Cooper

Confederate Chief of Staff

Luke Bullis

Civilian Chief of Staff

Paulette Grune

Rebecca Van Sickle

ABSENTEE VOTING:

To vote by absentee ballot, there are tow options:

Email both Dr. Reed and Hunter Ketcham at rexreed@gmail.com and hketcham913@gmail.com, or;

Call Dr. Reed and Mrs. Reed at 775-762-4622 and either verbally vote or leave a message.



Preventative Maintenance Monthly

As we end the season, we must all see to our equipment's good order. Don't forget your tent! Here's a trails.com article by Bryan Hansel to help you out!

A tent acts as a home away from home. It protects you from wind and rain, and it gives you a sheltered place to rest your head at night. Just like your home, a tent requires maintenance to continue to function properly--think of maintenance as giving your tent a new roof and shingles. The good news for canvas tent owners is that if you can paint you can re-treat a canvas tent with canvas waterproofing products.

Step 1

Set up your tent in your backyard. Make sure that the pitch is taut, because creases and runs make applying an even coat of waterproofing difficult.

Step 2

Wash your tent with water. Rub as much dirt as possible out of the tent. Watch for mildew and treat any you find with a solution of 80 percent water and 20 percent white vinegar.

Step 3

Allow the tent to dry.

Step 4

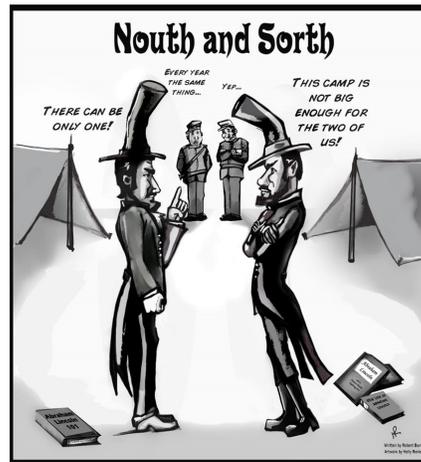
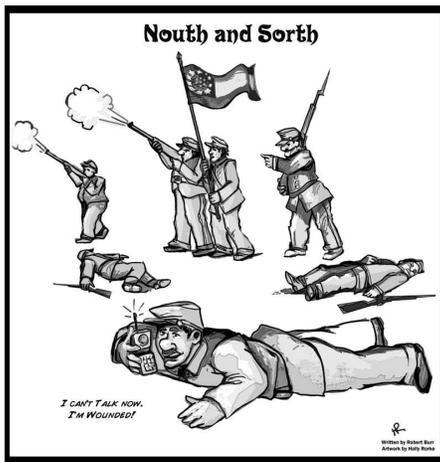
Paint one panel of your tent at a time with a coat of canvas waterproofing product, such as Canvak. Complete the entire panel before stopping to ensure an even coverage. The treatment soaks the fabric, so you only need to treat the outside surface.

Step 5

Wait until the tent dries completely before packing it away.



Nouth and Sorth—by Robert Burr



2017 Schedule

Kearney Park (ACWA)

Fresno, CA

October 21-22

Nevada Day Parade (NCWV)

Carson City, NV

October 28

Veteran's Day Parade (NCWV)

Reno, NV

November 11

NCWV Annual Membership Meeting

Reno, NV

November 11 (after parade)

NCWV Christmas Military Ball

Carson City, NV

December 16

V&T Wine Trains

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 or phone at 775-220-1432.

V&T Railroad Dates

- October 14



2018 SCHEDULING:

2018 Scheduling has begun! If you have an event or an event proposal you would like to have listed on the 2018 Schedule, please get in contact with Commander Jennings as soon as possible to ensure prime placement when it is released in January! We are looking forward to another amazing year, and your input is needed!



Characters of Nevada History: Orion Clemens

Orion Clemens was born the oldest of seven siblings in Tennessee. He tends to be overlooked in history because of the accomplishments of his younger brother Samuel Clemens, who is better known by his pen name, Mark Twain.

As a young man, Orion worked for and even owned a few newspapers. He worked hard toward Lincoln's election to the presidency, and was appointed Secretary of the Territory of Nevada for his work; he would be the only person ever to hold the post. His brother Samuel

accompanied him to Nevada in 1861, when he moved to Carson City. He believed in the new state so much that he paid out of pocket for the legislative chambers to be furnished.

His belief in temperance led him to lose election for Secretary of State, but he served briefly in the State Assembly. Failing as a lawyer, he and his wife left Nevada, where he would financially fail in California and the East Coast before returning to an old home in Iowa.

His brother Samuel encouraged him to

write an autobiography detailing the failure of his American dream. The book was never published and has been effectively lost to the ages.



The little-known history of Callville, NV

Callville Bay Resort & Marina derives its name from the permanent settlement of Callville, known alternately as Call's Landing, Call's Fort, and Old Callville. The Mormons, on their expansion west, needed a reliable route for their supplies to reach Salt Lake City, Utah.

The settlement, containing residences, a warehouse, and irrigation systems, was established on December 2, 1864 by Anson Call, James Whitmore, A. M. Cannon, Jacob Hamblin and son, under a directive to Call by Brigham Young. The steamboat port of Callville was used for shipping freight to Salt Lake City.

A large warehouse was constructed first, followed by a landing, post office and corral.

The steamboat Esmeralda completed a trip in October 1866 and delivered 100 tons of freight. In January 1867, the Army arrived at El Dorado and Fort Callville became an outpost until May 1868.

Callville, at the time was so desolate, isolated and lonely, that it had the most desertions of any Army company stationed at El Dorado. Though steamboats and barges trading salt between Rioville and El Dorado still made a few stops at Callville after the transcontinental railroad was completed in northern Nevada in 1869, the Mormons' plans for a supply route via the Colorado was eventually abandoned.

The bay was formed and the settlement was submerged after the Colorado River was

dammed to form Lake Mead.

Subsequently, the National Park Service and concession developments at Callville Bay began in 1967, after the North Shore Road was completed around 1966.



Military Police Corps turns 76!

On September 26th, members of the Military Police Regiment celebrated the 76th Anniversary of the establishment of the MP Corps as a permanent formation within the United States Army. The origins of the Regiment lie in the American Revolution. Contained herein is a brief history of the Regiment from the Revolution through the Civil War.

The Military Police Corps traces its lineage and history back to the American Revolution. General George Washington requested that the staff position of Provost Marshal be created to deal with disciplinary issues.

In January 1776, William Maroney was appointed as the first Provost Marshal of the Continental Army. The Provost Marshals relied on soldiers temporarily drawn from other units, and had difficulty enforcing discipline.

On 20 May 1778, Congress established the Provost Corps, which General Washington referred to as the "Marechaussee." This name

was from the French: "maréchaussée," from the Old French "mareschaucie," meaning "the marshalcy."

Captain Bartholomew von Heer, a German-speaking officer from Pennsylvania, was appointed as the first commander of the Marechaussee on 1 June 1778. Under the new organization, the Provost Marshal was responsible for soldiers under custody and for punishments, while the Marechaussee was tasked with the enforcement of order within the Continental Army.

The Marechaussee Corps would be formed exclusively as a police organization, and was organized and equipped as light dragoons, utilizing their speed to aid in troop movements and moving prisoners from the battlefield.

The Marechaussee protected the Army's rear and flanks during troop movements, searched for stragglers, guarded river crossings, and engaged in combat when

needed, as in the Battle of Springfield. The Provost Corps was disbanded in November 1783.

In 1863, the Office of the Provost Marshal General was established and oversaw the Veterans Reserve Corps (VRC). In the US Civil War, the VRC maintained law and order at garrison areas, while other provost guard units served on the front lines.

The most common practice was for Cavalry line units to serve as provosts in the field. Their maneuverability and armament made them ideal for the job in the eyes of commanders.

After the war, the Office of the Provost Marshal General was discontinued as the Union Army disbanded.



Recruiting and Retention Corner—Total: 117

Union Battalion

—Total: 39

140th PA/9th OH Infantry

—Commander: 2LT Peter Aylworth

—Members: 15

7th MI Cavalry

—Commander: CPT Chance Brown

—Members: 16

1st RI Light Artillery

—Commander: 1SG Skip Hammergren

—Members: 6

Medical Detachment

—Commander: CPT Wayne Bechard

—Members: 2

Confederate Battalion

—Total: 22

4th Texas Infantry

—Commander: SGT Michael Barth

—Members: 11

2nd Co., SC Sharpshooters

—Commander: 1LT Robert Burr

—Members: 4

Norfolk Light Artillery Blues

—Commander: SGM Fred Grune

—Members: 3

14th Texas Cavalry

—Commander: OSG David Childs

—Members: 4

Non-Combatant Corps

—Total: 24

Fort Churchill Living History Organization

—Total: 32

You are cordially invited to... The NCWV Christmas Ball

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers is pleased to extend an invitation to all who read this for the annual Christmas Ball on December 16th!

The ball is to be hosted at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City, Nevada, with the doors opening at 2:30pm on December 16th.

The cost shall be \$20 per adult, and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Dress uniforms are encouraged for the men of the military.

Expect platters of good food, a silent auction, and expert dance calling by Mr. Gus Gustavson.

Tickets will be available for purchase by check or cash to Miss Rebecca Van Sickle, Mrs. Melanie Cooper, or Mr. Noah Jennings at any time between now and the evening of December 16th.

Payment can also be mailed to the NCWV PO Box, address listed on Page 8.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Minutes of the Summer Meetings

August

The August Meeting was convened at 18:00 on August 16, 2017, by Noah Jennings, Commander.

The first order of business was Officer Reports. Confederate Chief of Staff Burr reported on the August PACWR meeting. Adjutant General Cooper reported that NCWV would be conducting tours at Sutro on the weekend of September 21. Commander Jennings welcomed President Tom Stone and Past President Linda Garriman of the Douglas County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The two brief members about the NCWV role in parking operations for the Genoa Candy Dance.

The approval of the May, June and July meeting minutes was moved by Melanie Cooper and seconded by Paulette Grune; the motion passed. Under old business, Commander Jennings discussed plans for the Lyon County Fair. The Buffalo Bill Wild West Show was discussed by Mike Creager. A review of the summer events commenced, and it was moved by Melanie Cooper and seconded by Luke Bullis that NCWV not purchase a booth at CowboyCon 2018. Motion passed.

Under new business Rebecca Van Sickle discussed the desire of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School to host NCWV for a day. The Celtic Festival was discussed by Peter Aylworth. The potential of having personnel at the Historical Society on Nevada Day was discussed. Next in business was the adoption of the 14th Texas Cavalry as an official unit of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers. A motion to do so was made by Robert Burr and seconded by Hunter Ketcham. The motion passed, and David Childs, Darren Loupe, and Hurt Gay were added to the roster of the 14th with the distinction of being founding members. Next was the appointment of a Christmas Ball Committee. With consent of the staff, Commander Jennings appointed Rebecca Van Sickle as Chair. Yvonne Sullivan, Toni Van Cleave, Judy Quinlan, Susie Giurlani, DebiLynn Smith, and Hunter Ketcham were appointed. Civilian Chief of Staff Paulette Grune, and Commander Jennings will sit as ex-officio members of the committee.

Under Good of the Order, a report on the powder order was given. Commander Jennings gave notice that nominations would be accepted in September and October for the 2018 Elections. Commander Jennings gave the membership report. The September meeting was scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd, at Miner's Park in Virginia City. Prior to adjournment there was no public comment made. A motion was made by Dr. Reed to adjourn the meeting at 20:04. Motion required no second, and was approved unanimously by membership.

September

The September meeting was called to order at 15:00 on September 2nd. Commander Jennings reported on the successful, 1st Place entry in the Lyon County Fair Parade. No old business was discussed. Under new business, the membership passed a resolution against the charging of students entering the CCWR event that weekend. The resolution was to be delivered by Commander Jennings, Miss Van Sickle and Dr. Reed. Under Good of the Order, nominations for office were heard. They are as follows: Commander: Noah Jennings. Vice Commander: Robert Burr. Adjutant General: Melanie Cooper. Inspector General: No nomination. Union Chief of Staff: Peter Aylworth and David Cooper. Confederate Chief of Staff: No nomination. Civilian Chief of Staff: Rebecca Van Sickle. With no further business pressing, the meeting was closed.

October

The October Meeting was called to order on October 4th at 18:00. Adjutant General Cooper reported on success of the weekend at Sutro. Commander Jennings thanked all for their work in Genoa and throughout the month preceding. Commander Jennings lead a discussion on the changes proposed for the coming year. Reminders about the upcoming Fort Churchill event, Celtic Fest, and Fresno event were made. Under Good of the Order, Paulette Grune and Yvonne Sullivan* were nominated for Civilian Chief of Staff. Meeting was adjourned at 19:00.

*Mrs. Yvonne Sullivan withdrew from the race for Civilian Chief of Staff in person on October 14, 2017.

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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Commander's Call

Well folks, the 2017 season is beginning to wind down, with the last major event of the season just a week away. Of course, that means it's the perfect time for us to start looking ahead to the 2018 season.

I'd like to take some time to explore the plans—both operationally and in our world of Civil War.

For the next year, it is my intent that we establish those events which we plan to attend early on, as well as those which we plan to host—including fundraisers. With those dates securely locked in, all of us will be able to plan out our year in accordance with our capabilities.

I also plan on changing up and adding to the administrative team that gets the work of our organization done. This will include a few new appointments to the Aides-de-Camp, which I will propose on Nevada Day.

These include the creation of the position of Director of the Joint Staff, which will oversee operational responsibilities and event-related affairs as the Commander sees fit to assign. I plan to propose Hunter M. Ketcham for the post if approved.

Similarly, Kevin Aylworth has expressed interest in making use of his experience and knowledge of accounting for the club's advancement. It is my intent to place him in a roll as Deputy Adjutant General.

Of course, the normal Aide-de-Camp positions will still be filled with capable members of the club.

I would also like to set event coordinators for the events we take on. The plan is that they will sit on a committee of their own, reporting to the Vice Commander as committee chair, who will be responsible for guiding the committee. There is also a plan to introduce some new and old awards for the Christmas Ball—more to

follow at the ball!

On the actual event-related side of things, we plan on shaking things up this year. This comes as a result of the opportunity given by neither candidate for Union Chief of Staff desiring to hold a rank above Corporal.

For purposes of structure at events, I will take command of the Union Battalion, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Battalion Staff will consist of Executive Officer/Infantry Commander 2LT Robert Burr, Senior Enlisted Leader/Cavalry NCOIC CSM Mike Creager, Chaplain CPT Dr. Rex Reed, Chief Medical Officer CPT Wayne Bechard, and Artillery NCOIC 1SG Skip Hammergren.

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*