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### Upcoming Events...

November 5, Autumn Ball—WCWA Eastside  
November 12, General Board Meeting, Snohomish  
November 19, Grand Harvest Ball  
See pages 8-9 for 2012!

***Be sure to note that the November 12th  
Board Meeting begins at 9AM.***

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*C&S Mason-Dixon Township*  
A Washington Civil War Association Member Unit  
proudly presents the second annual

# Spring Ball

on Saturday, March 3, 2012  
at the Steilacoom Town Hall

Please see the enclosed registration form  
or the WCWA website for details.



WCWA Members,

June 2011 marked the 7th anniversary of the “Battle of Port Gamble”. It is hard to believe that it all started as a small living history event in 2004 (Tahoma Marines) and early 2005 (20th Maine). Since the first shot fired in 2005 this has been one of the most popular American Civil War reenactments in the Pacific Northwest. The Battle of Port Gamble has drawn 500 to 600 reenactors each of the seven years. And it has been very popular with spectators, writers and photographers as well. Most likely this is attributed to the charm and “period look” of Port Gamble that provides a great backdrop for an American Civil War reenactment.

2011 also marked the first year we switched Confederate and Union camps with success and was the year of the “rumor”. The common theme of the rumor was this year would be the last year of the Port Gamble re-enactment. Indeed it proved to be true. The event coordinators received a letter of proposal dated April 27, 2011 from the Town of Port Gamble event manager. The letter outlined the need to raise land rental fees for all festivals renting land between the months of May through September (summer months) from the current price to \$10,000 per festival. The owner indicated they were willing to reduce the \$10,000 amount to \$8,000. In the past, the WCWA has paid anywhere from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 for land rental fee. In 2011, the WCWA paid \$3,500 for land rental fee.

The town did offer use of adjacent woodland behind the battlefield at a cost of \$500.00 per festival. In our minds this was not an option. In 2008 Gene Knight and I walked the woodland site and determined that the ground was not conducive for holding a re-enactment. The SCA held their June Faire on the woodland site in 2008, at the reduce rate, and quickly moved back into the town the following year. We believe moving the Port Gamble event to the woodland site would do more harm than good. Individuals are accustomed to the blending of American Civil War reenactors and the period look of the town of Port Gamble as the setting for a WCWA living history/battle event. Any other location near the town would not have the same impact.

Where does the \$10,000 figure come from? According to the letter of proposal, that is how much income the Olympic Property Group makes when hosting weddings, parties, etc. during the summer weekends. For many years the town has collected revenue by hosting weddings in the famous church on the outskirts of town. Recently, the town built a building overlooking the “bluff” to host weddings, conferences, graduation parties, anniversaries, etc. The town has had limited success hosting weddings, etc. simultaneously with the summer festivals.

The Town of Port Gamble is privately owned by the Olympic Properties Group. There is no form of city government. This ownership group owns all of the town and surrounding wooded area. Since the town is privately owned, the town is managed by employees of Olympic Properties Group. The town does not receive any tax revenue from the county. The town generates revenue by leasing all buildings to business owners and renting homes to residents. More recently summer festivals (SCA event, art festival, car shows, etc.) have brought an additional source of revenue and publicity to the town. Employees and maintenance workers employed by the town are paid by these revenue sources.

The event coordinators made a counter offer based on the following:

1) Publicity: The Battle for Port Gamble American Civil War reenactment attracts newspaper and magazine writers, television and radio spots, photographers, and film makers (professional and amateurs alike). Articles from local papers to the *Seattle Times* and the *West Sound Home & Garden Magazine* published stories of the annual America Civil War reenactment in Port Gamble

Many have seen the “Evening Magazine” segment on the Battle for Port Gamble in 2008. 4 years later, “Evening Magazine” still airs the Port Gamble piece annually at the beginning of our reenacting season. This event has attracted spectators’ numbering from 1,500 to 3,000 each year. This is one of the WCWA’s largest spectator drawing events in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to the published articles, we have found many pictures on travel blogs, Flickr, Facebook, Youtube, to name of couple of websites, of the American Civil War reenactment at Port Gamble. I remember one blog in particular were an individual posted they were traveling through Port Gamble on their way to visit the Olympic Peninsula for the day. When they saw the civil war era tents in Port Gamble, they stopped, stayed and watched the reenactment in Port Gamble. In short, the individual posted on their blog that they did not make it to their original destination on the Olympic Peninsula. Many who have photographed and filmed this event have e-mailed and shared their pictures with us.

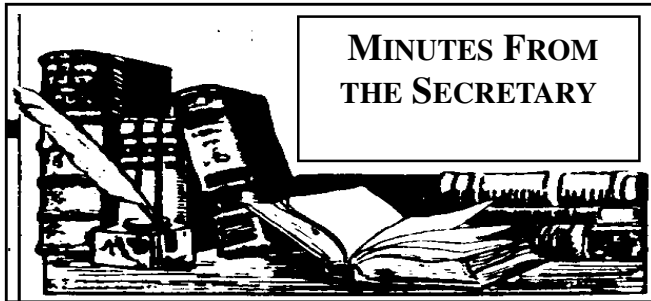
2). Port Gamble Businesses: There is no doubt that some of the businesses receive direct benefit from summer festivals hosted by the Town of Port Gamble, especially our event. I was told by one business owner that while the town does host many weddings, these wedding parties rarely use the businesses in Port Gamble. The summer festivals tend to bring in more revenue to the businesses located in Port Gamble.

3). Financially: While the WCWA has made money the last couple years, except 2011 where we broke even, there is no way possible for the WCWA to overcome a land rental fee more than twice the land rental fee in 2011. Raising ticket prices is not an option. Our mission is to educate the public and bring an affordable venue for spectators.

Is this the last Port Gamble American Civil War event? Most likely as long as the land rental fee is sky high but one never knows what may change in the future. We already had one business owner offering to be a partial sponsor of our event and made an offer to assist in finding more sponsors to offset the increased land rental fee. We shall see if sponsorships will work to reduce the land rental fee. Since the first battle event in 2005, many memories were made.

On behalf of Gene Knight, Shelly Butterfield and myself we say “thank you” to the members of the WCWA for supporting this event.

Sincerely,  
Howard Struve  
WCWA Vice Chairperson  
Port Gamble Co-Event Coordinator



WCWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2011  
G. A. R. Cemetery, Snohomish, WA

Minutes unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting  
**I. Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Chairman Al Myers.

**II. Roll Call** was made by Secretary Kevin Saville. All Administrative Board members were present. For the General Board, on the Confederate side, there were five unit representatives and seven proxy representative present (13 total). On the Federal side, there were eight unit representatives and four proxy representatives present (13 total). The total eligible voting representatives were 26 out of 29.

**III. Secretary's Report** was made by Saville. The unofficial September meeting minutes were published in the October Dispatch. The September minutes were approved as presented without a motion.

**IV. Treasurer's/Membership Report** was given by Treasurer Anna Flores. The account balances are looking good. Membership receipts for 2011 exceeded the estimated budget by \$3,680 and \$1,110 has been received for 2012. For the Plain event, Flores received a financial report and a check from the host; she will report to the IRS that Plain was an event that the WCWA was paid to do. The host paid all expenses and sent the WCWA a payment for services. Beth Sier, membership coordinator, said she has membership cards for several units. So far, 72 members have paid their 2012 dues. About 24 of those are new memberships. A little over 300 new members joined in 2011 (300 includes those joining late that carry over to 2012).

**V. Brigade Commanders & Civilian Leaders Reports.**  
Confederate Civilians: Linda Myers reported they too had a good year and people appreciated seeing the civilians.  
Federal Civilians: Erena Heino said it was a fantastic year for Union civilians. She thanked commanders for all of their support. Plain was fantastic with a wonderful scenario.

Federal Brigade: Ted Sayler said the year went well and that he enjoyed all of the events. Plain was great and the numbers were good.

Confederate Battalion: Tobey Gulley said their numbers were good with well over 100 rifles at both Spokane and Port Gamble. They had 60-70 rifles at Plain. Gulley is looking forward to a good upcoming season.

**VI. Committee Reports.**

A. Event Planning & Activities: Howard Struve distributed the 2012 calendars and said seven battle events are proposed for 2012. He thanked the event planning committee for their work and all event coordinators for submitting event applications. Anyone that wants to be on the event planning committee, please let Struve know. The event calendar will be voted on under new business during this meeting.

B. Living History: No report.

C. Outreach. No report.

D. Publicity. No report.

E. Risk/Insurance. A. Myers said he's waiting until after this meeting (when the 2012 calendar is approved) to contact the insurance company. This year we paid \$4,000 for horse insurance. He has found a company in Arizona that covers horses at events for \$500 per year.

**VII. Unfinished Business.**

**1st Virginia/2nd U.S. Cavalry New Unit Recognition.**

A. Myers said the new cavalry unit has been presented and we will vote on unit approval. Myers said he received reports of a horse that went behind the spectators at Plain, between the spectators and tents. The horse was not loose, it was under rider control and was cantering, but there was concern that a child could be injured. Myers said horses should stay on the field and not be in civilian areas. The rider and horse are members of the proposed unit. **B. Davisson moved that the board recognize the 1st VA cavalry as a fully formed cavalry unit with no further probationary period required due to the experience of that group.** E.

Heino seconded the motion. Myers confirmed that this vote will make them a unit with no probationary period. Discussion proceeded on whether the unit should be approved without a probationary period. A number of people spoke in favor of approval without probation and mentioned units that had been approved like this in the past. A. Myers said the new unit committee recommends that the 1st Virginia Cavalry join as part of the 14th Virginia or the 1st U.S. Cavalry because both of those units are probably going on probation. Saville clarified that the committee recommended that the 1st Virginia Cavalry not be formed and that those members stay with the existing cavalry units. Discussion proceeded on whether the unit should be formed, given the other two cavalry units are likely going on probation for being understrength. Nathan Alred called the question and requested a roll call vote. Vote call was

performed by Saville (Y=yea, N=nea, A=abstain): Mason-Dixon Twp, N; 1st C.S. Eng., Y; 1st LA Inf, A; 2nd & 7th SC Inf, Y; 7th TN Inf, Y; 14th VA Cav, Y; 15th AL Inf, Y; 21st & 26th NC Inf, Y; Cobb's Batt, C.S. Med, & C.S. Marines, Y. Union Civ, Y; 1st MI Art, A; 1st U.S. Cav, N; 2nd U.S. Sharp, Y; 3rd MI Inf, Y; 4th U.S. Inf, N; 7th WI Inf, N; 12th U.S. Inf, N; 20th ME Inf, N; 76th PA Inf, A; U.S. Mar, Y; U.S.S. Tah, N; U.S.S. Tah Mar, N.

**Motion to approve the 1st Virginia Cavalry as a fully formed cavalry unit without a probationary period passed with 15Y, 8N, & 3A (26 votes).**

#### **Dan Gerrer Incidents at Port Gamble and Plain.**

A. Myers said at the last meeting we voted to send a letter to Dan Gerrer regarding the Port Gamble event/Centurion Services incident. Myers received a letter from Allen Geho for an incident involving Gerrer at Plain. Gerrer brought a vehicle into camp while other vehicles were also in the camp area, so Myers said bringing the vehicle in is not the issue. At issue is what happened when Gerrer had the vehicle in camp for an extended time and was asked to move the vehicle out. Gerrer replied, "I will move it when I'm ready" and that was his reply to a number of people. Ted Saylor said it was an hour after public time had started and the reason to be in the Federal camp area was bogus: it wasn't for an emergency or to remove gear, but to deliver a uniform. More importantly, Gerrer refused to move the vehicle when asked to do so. Allen Geho said he asked Gerrer to move the vehicle and Gerrer got mouthy and abusive. An explanation for Gerrer being in camp, to deliver a uniform, was made by Carl Hicks of the 4th U.S. Infantry. Saylor said he agreed, that is a nice thing to loan a uniform but a uniform is not something so heavy that it cannot be carried on foot. To backtalk about moving the vehicle got under Saylor's skin. Myers read the letter from Allen Geho and Gulley read a letter from John Caverly, both regarding the Plain incident. Myers reiterated that it's not a matter of coming in with the vehicle, it's a matter of the expressed belligerence when asked to move the vehicle. Shelly Knight said in 2010 at Steilacoom, Gerrer almost ran into her. Everyone was to stop at the gate. When Gerrer came through and was late, Shelly asked him to stop but he said "No I'm late, not stopping at all." Myers read the letter drafted by Nathan Alred, addressed to Dan Gerrer, based on the Sept. 2011 board meeting decisions. That letter was drafted before Plain and was ready to sign at this meeting; Gerrer did not receive it. Alred said Gerrer was aware of the board vote and the decision at the September meeting. A. Flores said we are a nonprofit corporation with safety rules for a reason. You do not bring vehicles in during public viewing hours unless you have permission by brigade.

Second, he (Gerrer) showed a disregard for the people in charge, that was brigade, when he was asked to remove the vehicle. This has been a historical habit of his (Gerrer) over the years and Flores asked that these things be considered when voting. **E. Sherrill moved that we revoke Gerrer's membership in the WCWA.** Motion was seconded. Discussion proceeded on the situation. Linda Myers asked in what season was Gerrer previously suspended for a Port Gamble incident? Rusty Starr said five years ago; Gerrer was suspended for the rest of the year following that event. Myers said Gerrer has thus already had one suspension. Alred said he talked to Gerrer at Plain and that Gerrer knew about the letter and upcoming probation. Alred said the board finds that misconduct occurred at Plain and therefore Gerrer's membership is permanently revoked. Struve said Gerrer violated the bylaws by having the vehicle in camp after public hours started. Saville asked if anyone was a witness to the discussion between Alred and Gerrer at Plain. Alred said no, he talked to Gerrer Saturday afternoon after the car incident but Gerrer said he knew about the September board decision. Alred quoted an obscene statement that Gerrer made to him with regard to the WCWA. **The motion to revoke Gerrer's membership in the WCWA passed with 21Y, 1N, & 2A (24 votes).** Saville asked if this bans Gerrer from participating as an Oregon reenactor or otherwise attending WCWA events. **Sherrill moved that Gerrer be banned from any WCWA event as a reenactor or a spectator.** Motion was seconded. A. Flores said WCWA events are private functions and we can allow anyone in that we want. There are people that are banned because they are not safe. **The motion to ban Gerrer from any WCWA event as a reenactor or spectator passed with 17Y, 3N, & 4A (24 votes).** Myers requested Alred to draft a letter to Gerrer.

Break, 11:20-11:29.

#### **VIII. New Business.**

##### **Unit Strength Reports.**

T. Saylor reported on Federal units that are understrength. The 28th Massachusetts Infantry had no one at events for two seasons. The 39th New York Infantry had one person at a couple events for a couple of years. The 76th Pennsylvania Infantry made their numbers (were full strength) at Port Gamble. The 1st U.S. Cavalry was full strength at Ferndale. The 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters made their numbers at Spokane. Saylor recommended that the 28th Massachusetts and the 39th New York be stricken from the rolls. Myers said he thought they had to be on probation for two years before being disbanded. Myers said this is the first year that the 28th Mass. and 39th N.Y. have been on probation so they need to be on probation

for two years, then they are disbanded. Discussion proceeded on the length of probation for understrength units and what probation means. Units have two years on probation; if they are not full strength (as defined in the bylaws) for a season's battle events, then at the end of probation they are disbanded. A unit on probation does not have General Board voting privilege at board meetings. T. Gulley said Polk's Battery was not at any 2011 events and Stanford's Battery was at just one event. The C.S. Medical Dept. needs five members and they had no more than three at each event. The 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry was understrength at all of the events. Discussion proceeded on the definition of a cavalry unit, with focus on what type of unit the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen is. B. Davisson said they were established as a cavalry unit while A. Myers, M. Heino, T. Saylor, and T. Gulley said they have been an infantry unit. Discussion also proceeded on the two-year probation rules suspension which occurred in 2009 and 2010, and to what extent probationary status during that time should be counted toward the probation period beginning in 2012. It was acknowledged that unit probation rules were announced to be in effect at the beginning of 2011, but no unit was declared to be on probation until now at the end of the 2011 season, based on 2011 season performance. With regard to the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen, it was recognized that they became a unit in 2010 and the two year probation rule suspension did not apply to them—the rule suspension was for the benefit of existing units. Thus, the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen were on probation since their inception in 2010, now on probation for two seasons. Myers said the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen are not the only ones, the Foreign Observer Corps never made their numbers since their inception, either. M. Williams confirmed that the Observers did not make their numbers. Gulley said at Port Gamble, they had six. At Ferndale, they had five. Thus the Observers were full strength at two out of five events, not the required three out of five events.

Myers said the units now on probation are the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry, the 39<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, the 76<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cavalry, the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Sharpshooters, Polk's Battery, Stanford's Battery, the C.S. Medical Department, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry.

The units that are disbanded are the Foreign Observers Corps and the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen.

Discussion again proceeded on whether probation should have been counted during the two-year probation rules suspension (2009-2010). It was recognized that no matter the position on that two year period, the units continued to have their voting privilege in 2011 and there was

confusion on the ramifications of the rules suspension period (2009-2010). A. Flores suggested that the understrength units go on probation immediately and that they don't have voting privileges for the next two years' events (unless they become full strength). **M. Williams moved that we put all units that have not made numbers on probation starting today.** Motion was seconded.

N. Harriman said there's two units that don't deserve the grace period because at the beginning of this year, he personally notified the (Federal) units that would be on probation based on their understrength status in 2009-2010. Myers said you can't be put on probation at the beginning of a unit strength-counting period because the prior years did not count. Discussion continued on the impact of the two-year probation rules suspension period (2009-2010). Harriman said the records show that they (the units going on probation) haven't been coming to events for the prior four years. Starr said his motion (in 2009 to create the moratorium) was not to expunge the records. It has always been battalion staff's responsibility to put units on probation. **The motion by Williams passed with 16Y, 5N, 0A (21 votes).**

Myers said the indicated units are on probation for two years; at the end of that period, they will be disbanded unless they meet full strength status. Geho asked if they can they be taken off probation; Myers replied yes, if/when they are full strength in a season. **N. Harriman moved that the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts and the 39<sup>th</sup> New York be on probation for one year only.** Motion was seconded. **Motion by Harriman passed with 17Y, 1N, 2A (20 votes).**

Question was asked if any units are being disbanded. **Myers said the Foreign Observer Corps and the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen are disbanded** (these units have not been full strength since inception; the bylaws state that new units are to be full strength for the following two events).

**Units on probation for one year unless they meet full strength requirements, otherwise disbanded in one year: 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry & 39<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. Units on probation for two years unless they meet full strength requirements, otherwise disbanded in two years: 76<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cavalry, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Sharpshooters, Polk's Battery, Stanford's Battery, C.S. Medical Department, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry.**

Myers said units that are now on probation contributed to the quorum at the beginning of this meeting so they can vote during the remainder of this meeting.

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment relating to sanctioned event requirements. Kevin Saville moved that the "Definitions" section be reinstated at the beginning or end of the Bylaws and that the following be listed in the**

**"WCWA Bylaws Definitions"...**

**-Sponsored events are insured and fiscally managed by the WCWA.**

**-Sanctioned events are insured by the WCWA provided the event's assigned cost of insurance is reimbursed to the WCWA. A sanctioned event, where there are expenses and/or income associated with participation, may be fiscally managed by a sponsoring entity (such as a WCWA unit) provided the entity is incorporated (incorporation current per the secretary of state). If a sponsoring entity is not incorporated, a sanctioned event is fiscally managed by the WCWA."**

Motion was seconded by T. Gulley. Saville said the reason for this amendment is to define both "sponsored event" and "sanctioned event" requirements. Sponsored events are pretty clear: the sponsored event finances are run through the WCWA treasurer. In regard to sanctioned events, sanctioned event coordinators are in some cases not forwarding to the WCWA treasurer their event's fair share of WCWA insurance costs when income is derived from the event. There is also concern about how sanctioned event funding works out, particularly when units are not incorporated. Government nonprofit rules require that income be managed within the rules. Unincorporated WCWA units ride on the coattails of the WCWA (they probably use the WCWA's federal tax ID number to establish a bank account--a potential liability to the WCWA from an audit standpoint) and, as a result, their event funds should go through the WCWA treasurer. Anna Flores said part of this has come from her, in part from talking to a CPA. If your unit is incorporated and your unit has corporate nonprofit status with the Secretary of State, you govern yourself. If you use the WCWA's federal tax ID number, you should incorporate your books into the WCWA's report to the IRS. This bylaws change lets your unit know that if you use the WCWA's ID number, you need your books in order and run your income through the WCWA. That way, the WCWA board knows the financial comings and goings of dependent units. Flores said the use of the WCWA's federal ID number is appropriate to open a checking account. Butterfield-Knight said if they use the WCWA's ID number, then that information should go to the WCWA. Geho said you leave

the WCWA hanging if you haven't done due diligence. If we have language that you have to be incorporated to have a sanctioned event, it eliminates hanging us out (reduces risk). A. Flores indicated sanctioned events are where we are getting into trouble with units acting on their own. Myers said right now the cost of insurance is \$350 per event which includes an insurance rider. Myers said we will vote on this proposed amendment at next month's meeting. He asked everyone to keep this in mind when voting on events, that any event may cost \$350 for insurance. E. Sherrill asked if insurance is provided by the sponsoring entity then does WCWA have to provide insurance? T. Gulley asked about school events, B. Frasier asked about Fort Simcoe. At Simcoe they get no money, they haven't been charging and we don't charge to be there; there's no revenue. Myers said the event costs the club \$350; any event that is listed on the calendar needs to have WCWA insurance.

**Membership Cards to Children. Beth Sier, Membership Coordinator, moved that WCWA members age 12 and over receive membership cards.** Discussion proceeded without a second. Saville asked at what age the safety rules apply; the reply was age 12 and over. Flores said Oregon's NCWC will have the WCWA's membership list. **Sier's motion was approved without a vote; membership cards will be issued to those age 12 years and older.**

**2012 Sponsored Event Vote.** H. Struve distributed the proposed 2012 event schedule and said there are two proposed battle events in June, Yakima (Union Gap) and Roy. There are also two in late September, Union Gap and Plain. Struve gave event coordinators five minutes each to provide information and answer questions on their events. Struve said the Event Planning Committee has been discussing things over the last month. They recognize that the General Board will vote as they choose. The Event Planning Committee recommends approving all sanctioned events and recommends approving the following sponsored battle events: Spokane, Yakima, Chehalis, and Plain. There is a problem with Ferndale's budget in that it had been under \$7,000 but when all of the line items are added up, it totals nearly \$9,000. The Event Planning Committee recommends holding on a Ferndale vote until the next meeting and talk to Jerry Shiner (Ferndale event coordinator) in the mean time. Struve said the Event Planning Committee is not recommending approval of Bonney Lake and Roy. Flores reported that Spokane netted \$8,200 total income in the past three years. Ferndale lost \$2,200 in the past three years.

## WCWA 2012 Event Schedule

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### 2012 Events

*January 21, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (Approval of the 2012 operating budget)*

**February 18, WCWA General Membership meeting, Snohomish GAR Cemetery**

March 3, Spring Ball, Steilacoom Town Hall,  
Contact Linda Myers, lmeyers52@wavecable.com

*March 17, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

April 7, Honoring Their Memory Ceremony & General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery, Sanctioned (skirmish).

Contact Bruce Smith, babrsmith@peoplepc.com, (425) 483-0351.

May 10-11, Whatcom County Education Day, Hovander Farms, Ferndale, Sanctioned (firing demo) Contact Karrin Porret, skporrett@verizon.net, (360) 384-3089

*May 12, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

May 19, Lilac Day/Armed Forces Day, Spokane, Sanctioned (no skirmish).

Contact Lisa Tharp, floydh3mvi@sisna.com (509) 998-9936.

May 19, Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day, Ft. Lewis, Sanctioned (skirmish).

Contact Kevin Saville, Kevin@saville.net (360) 292-0966

May 19, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton, Sanctioned (no skirmish).

Contact Howard Struve, hstruve@wavecable.com (360) 874-8548.

**May 26-28, Battle of Spokane (Morning Star Boys' Ranch), Spokane, Sponsored public battle.**

Contact Bob Davisson, bob@14thvirginiacavalry.org (509) 995-8619.

June 9-10, Fort Simcoe, Sanctioned (skirmish).

Contact Bruce Frazier, BFrazier@SageFruit.com

**June 16-17, Battle at Fullbright Park, Union Gap, Sponsored public battle.**

Contact Rich Bright, brightnot66@yahoo.com

June 30, Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad Living History/Skirmish, Elbe, WA., Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bob Carter, bnkcarter@msn.com

*July 14, General Board Meeting (Appoint election coordinator), and Echoes of Blue and Gray, Evergreen Cemetery, Everett.* Sanctioned (skirmish). One day battle event followed by the memorial service.

Contact Bruce Smith babrsmith@peoplepc.com, 425-483-0351.

July 14-15, Little Diamond Resort Living History/Skirmish Event, Spokane area.

Sanctioned(skirmish) Contact Gary Michie, michiegr1@msn.com

**July 21-22, Battle of Chehalis River, Chehalis, Sponsored public battle.** Contact Kevin Saville, Kevin@saville.net (360) 292-0966 and Rusty & Bonnie Starr (425) 743-9851

July 28-29 Gold Dust Days, Gold Bar, Sanctioned (firing demo).

Contact Ernie Sherill, e\_sherrill@hotmail.com, (360) 548-8007

*August 18, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

August 18-19 Wheatland Community Fair Grounds, Ritzville, Sanctioned (skirmish)

Contact Ronald and Laura Evans, ronf4n@ritzville.com, 509-659-0594

**September 1-3 Battle at Kelly Farm, Bonnie Lake, Sponsored public battle.**

Contact Elisa and Steve Breland, elisa\_breland@yahoo.com

September 1-3 St. Maries, Idaho Living History Encampment and Skirmish event.

Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Terry Mourning, dixiefifer@yahoo.com, (509) 536-4252.

*September 8, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

September 15, Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad Living History/Skirmish, Elbe, WA.,

Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bob Carter, bnkcarter@msn.com

**September 29-30, Plain Campaign, Plain, Sponsored public battle.**

Contact Bruce Smith, babrsmith@peoplepc.com, 425-483-0351.

*October 20, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

*(Vote on the 2012 WCWA schedule)*

November 3, WCWA Grand Harvest Ball, Bellingham. Sanctioned.

Contact Karin Porrett, skporrett@verizon.net, (360) 384-3089

November 10, Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, Sanctioned (no skirmish).

Contact C.B. Zohn, zohnster@yahoo.com, (206) 909-7831

*November 17, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

*(WCWA Administration Board Election results announced).*



**Music & Dancing**

**Potluck Dinner & Dessert Buffet**

**Raffle Drawings & Prizes**

Welcome Civil War re-enactors and guests to the second annual Spring Ball! Attire is mid-19<sup>th</sup> century period formal or modern formal dress (NO labcoiled breeches please). Potluck dinner & dessert buffet, please bring either a main dish, or side dish and dessert. Punch, coffee, tea & cocoa will be provided. If you plan to bring alcohol, please include the \$5 liquor fee with your reservation.

~ Please note, space is limited, so send your reservation in early! ~



**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2012

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

- Ⓢ 4 pm: Doors Open  
Potluck Dinner & Dessert Buffet
- Ⓢ 5 - 5 pm: Dancing
- Ⓢ 9 pm: Final Draw & Raffle Drawing  
Round Up Belongings & Clean Up Facility
- Ⓢ 10 pm: Doors Close

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T. Gulley said we can't do seven events; five is pushing it. If a spectator walks in and sees very few participants, they will want their money back. P. Timmerman asked why did the committee not select Bonney Lake? Struve said it was based on the cost potential. Gulley said both of his written proxies say no to do Bonney Lake, they are worried about the money. Flores said the Plain event host, Grahame Watson, brought in \$11,658 over a two day event. She said we need to take into perspective the location and backing that individual events have. We have property management people willing to go forward with Bonney Lake and are willing to take risks. We should look and see who is supporting each event: if they (a host or sponsor) are in a position to profit, then that will be a successful event because the host/sponsor wants the event to succeed. Timmerman said that's his point with Bonney Lake. Harriman said these are recommendations, the board will vote how they want.

We have three proposed events in the south Puget Sound region: Chehalis, Roy, and Bonney Lake. Even though they may have good local area public appeal, the committee questioned the effect of having those three events in relatively close proximity when compared to the rest of the state. Timmerman wondered why the high income potential was not considered with Bonney Lake. Starr said he would like to see an event on Labor Day weekend. However, any time an event has competed with an Oregon event, we have had very poor attendance. Starr said if all members would come to a competing WCWA event, that would be fantastic. Saville read a report from B. Tafoya, commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry: "The 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan supports the idea of the WCWA doing 4 sponsored battle events next year and no more. The 3<sup>rd</sup> also would like to see the following events selected for next year: Spokane, Chehalis, Plain,...and Ferndale."

**The General Board vote proceeded on each of the sponsored events. The results are as follows.**  
**Spokane, May 26-28, 2012. 27Y, 1N, 0A (28 votes).**  
**Spokane is approved.**

**Union Gap, June 16-17, 2012. 17Y, 4N, 1A (22 votes).**  
**Union Gap in June is approved.**

**Roy. 1Y, 16N, 7A (24 votes). Roy is not approved.**

**Chehalis, July 21-22, 2012. 24Y, 0N, 2A (26 votes).**  
**Chehalis is approved.**

**Bonney Lake, Labor Day Weekend. 12Y, 11N, 4A (27 votes).**  
**Bonney Lake is approved.**

**Plain, September 29-30, 2012. 25Y, 1N, 0A (26 votes).**

**Plain is approved.**

**Union Gap in September. 0Y, 26N, 0A (26 votes).**  
**Union Gap in September is not approved.**

**Tony Lee moved to put a vote on Ferndale off for a month. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Myers said Roy is also a possibility in August. **T. Sayler moved that Roy replace Ferndale. Myers said we can't do that until we hear from Ferndale.** The motion to replace Ferndale with Roy could be made at next meeting depending on (following) a vote on Ferndale.

**Saville read the five sponsored events that are approved for 2012: Spokane on Memorial Day weekend, Union Gap in June, Chehalis in July, Bonney on Lake Labor Day weekend, and Plain near the end of September. 2012 Sanctioned Event Vote.**

Struve said there are two last minute sanctioned event additions.

Walla Walla, June 9-10, sanctioned skirmish; contact Rick Montoya.

Elbe/Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad, June 30 (Saturday only), sanctioned skirmish; contact Tom Peloquin. Elbe is also planned for Sept. 15.

The Fort Simcoe June event was discussed due to the State Parks new parking fee. Saville said the fee is \$10 per day or \$30 per year for the tag which is non-transferable between vehicles; consider it part of your annual license tab fee. B. Frasier said his group (12<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry) will do something at Simcoe that weekend, with or without a skirmish. He said we have zero risk, the park pays for everything except they will charge us to park there. Frasier said attendance at Simcoe is down 75% since they implemented the parking fee in late summer. He would like the WCWA's support for the Simcoe event. **The vote on Simcoe proceeded; Simcoe was approved with 17Y, 0N, and 6A (23 votes).**

Frasier said an August Tieton event is not happening. Struve said a May school event in Tumwater is also removed. Myers said sanctioned events don't cost insurance if there's no ignition of blackpowder. Parades are exempt (they may fire black powder without costing insurance) since the firing is into the air (at a higher elevation). Myers said there will be no board meeting in June. Elbe will be June 30, not June 16. The September board meeting is moved to the 8<sup>th</sup>. **The vote on the amended sanctioned event calendar proceeded. Calendar was approved, as amended, with 25Y, 0N, 0A**

**(25 votes). Struve added that if Ferndale/Hovander is not approved at the November meeting, then a motion can be made to have Roy in August.**

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment relating to Administrative Board member requirements. Saville moved that the following be added to Article 6, Paragraph 2 relating to Elections (Individuals seeking election to Administrative Board positions). At the end of the paragraph, add "Administrative Board positions require the use of one's legal name for official WCWA business. Individuals that do not agree to use their legal name for official business are ineligible to serve in Administrative Board positions."**

Saville said that WCWA administrative board members must use their legal names for official WCWA business purposes. Certain transactions, like the filing of an annual corporation update with the Washington Secretary of State, are required by law to list administrative board members by their legal names. Use of other names (such as persona names) constitute filing a false statement, a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to \$5,000 and/or a year in jail. The person filing the false statement is the guilty party; in the past that would be the treasurer. The secretary of state's corporation website lists administrative officers and their home addresses so all of that information is accessible public record. This has come up now because an Administrative Board candidate has indicated he does not wish to use his legal name for any WCWA purpose. While the need to define this has arisen from a specific incident, it is a recognized deficiency in stated requirements that should be addressed, regardless of a specific incident.

Motion was seconded by P. Timmerman. A. Flores said for the record that IRS forms also require that information, including legal names. Myers said there will be no discussion on this motion until February at the General Membership meeting. Myers said he wants everyone to hear the arguments.

#### **IX. For the Good of the Order.**

A. Past Event Reports.

**Plain.** P. Jensen said we had a lot of fun at Plain. Some said there wasn't that many reenactors there but Jensen is pleased with the turnout. There were 1,800 people that came to see the event. The participants had a real good spirit; Jensen thanked everyone that came. A. Flores said the host was outstanding, there were huge bins of wood available. Men came by, delivering kindling. She said it was probably the most comfortable and easy reenactment they did all year.

**Fort Lewis.** J. Strand said he got \$500 for the WCWA. He was coordinator for two groups, the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. and the

WCWA. The checks were made out to Strand, one for the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. and one for the WCWA. Strand said the WCWA was supposed to have two contracts, one for Federal and one for Confederate participants, but only one check was made out to the WCWA. Myers said the WCWA pays for insurance for Fort Lewis; how are one or two units getting paid when the WCWA covers the insurance? Strand said it's because the units have separate contracts. G. Knight said the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. is a 501©3 and they went under their contract. S. Butterfield-Knight said the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. was not required to produce insurance binders because they (JBLM) are insured. Myers asked if we could take insurance off for JBLM. Saville said he will be the 2012 WCWA event coordinator for JBLM, will speak to Kate Laverents (JBLM event host coordinator) about the insurance question, and will report back to Myers. Saville said that he communicated with Kate 9/26/2011 about the 2011 event; she said \$1,500 was paid to WCWA groups: \$500 to John Strand for the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. that had nine people, \$500 to Mike Heino for the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Mounted Riflemen that had six people, and \$500 to John Strand for the WCWA that had 34 people.

B. Upcoming Event Reports.

**Tahoma Cemetery Event, July 2, 2012.** Bernie Musko-witz said that in July 2, 2012, it will be 150 years since Taps came about as a bugle call (July 1862). They will be dedicating a bench at the Tahoma Cemetery and invite the WCWA to participate. Displays will be set up on Sunday, July 1, 2012.

C. Unit Reports. None.

D. Announcements.

C. Hicks reported that the troops appreciate the design of the battles at our major events this year, depicting smaller historic events and not major campaigns. Saylor said in 1861 there was not a lot to choose from in the way of major historic events.

L. Myers thanked Saville for bringing refreshments.

Rich Bright announced that the new cavalry unit, the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Cavalry, is raising money with a raffle. One of the items to be raffled is an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol and in Iraq in his honor. Tickets for the flag raffle will be available between now and Spokane.

**X. Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. by A. Myers.

**Next Meeting is November 12, 2011 at the Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery Hall. 9:00 a.m. (NOT 10:00).**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin R. Saville  
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**G.A.R.:** John Buford Post #89 Everett, WA

**Residence:** Holland, MI **Age:** 28.0yrs.  
**Enlisted/Enrolled:** 3/7/65 Grand Rapids, MI **Rank:** Pvt.  
**Mustered In:** 3/7/65:  
**Discharged:** 3/7/66 Raleigh, NC  
**Highest Rank:** Pvt.

Donald McRae was likely born 2/25/37 in Highland, Scotland. It appears he immigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1839.

First hard documentation on Donald stems from 8/7/61 when, in Chicago, IL he wed Mary Sullivan (b. ca. 1834 Ireland). Reportedly previously married, that marriage surname is not known. The union of Donald and Mary would produce one known child: Donald B. McRae (b. 4/18/69 Ottawa, Canada).

Donald joined the U.S. Army during the waning dates of our American Civil War. At enlistment his vital statistics were: 5'5 1/2" tall; light complexion; blue eyes; brown hair; occupation - laborer.

Private McRae's military tenure was uneventful and benign. The only activity of significance was his transfer from the 28<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry to the 25<sup>th</sup> as existing regiments were "consolidated" after the war's end.

After leaving the service Donald returned to Holland, MI. He and Mary remained there until September, 1867 when they removed to Port Albert, Ontario, Canada. They returned to the U.S. in 1872 resettling in Muskegon, MI. A stop in Indiana preceded their move to Marysville, WA.

Former Civil War soldier Donald McRae died 12/30/17. He was buried in the Marysville Cemetery. Mary died 1/11/16 was buried beside Donald.

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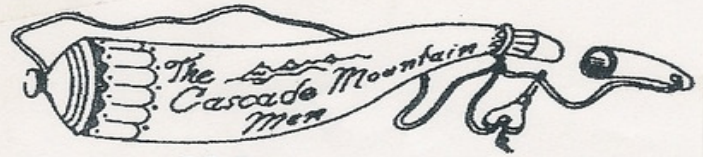
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