



# The Dispatch

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To the Men and Women of the Army of the Columbia,

Happy tidings and well wishes on the New Year. I trust all are weathering the winter well and each is warm, well and with peace. Our new season looms just around the corner of spring. We the Battalion staff are preparing for School of the Reenactor April 29- May 1. We will be working with Confederate Brigade Staff and Civilian Leaders to produce a capital event for you to participate in. This annual event has been hosted at Fort Simcoe, a wonderful historical venue for all to enjoy. Speaking of enjoyment, this enjoyment we have in participating should be shared!!! Recruit someone to enjoy this with us. WE need to recruit heavy each year for our continued success as companies and our organization. Also start getting your registrations in early and start thinking of your registration for what they are DUES to the club that you are *supporting* by paying into not as PAY TO PLAY that you send in just before an event you want to attend. Take care of business and get it done! (Please). Get your kits out during this time make repairs and or replace as you can, not waiting till the night before to get it in order. Practice some drills get with your mates and get the events on the calendar now that you will be going to. For those of you that attend the minimum required events, consider maximizing and attend one more than your norm, we would love to see you more. You are needed and missed when you are gone.

I would like to thank those commanders and soldiers who have sent letters to me, with questions and suggestions regarding the upcoming season's campaign. If any of the battalion have suggestions for event activities or scenarios for 1861 please forward them to me.

I Remain in Service,  
Col Marshall Alan Geho  
Army of the Columbia  
Nos Vadum Triumphus

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## Soldiers of Adams Legion!

It is my sincere desire that this finds you boys in good health and with prayers that you and your loved ones have not unduly suffered from our current state of affairs. I know that during these uncommon circumstances; it has been a difficult time for our loved ones to endure. The inconvenience of this terrible war is an aggravation to the extreme and has levied a heavy toll. There have been bitter consequences for most during this struggle and there are rumors that our country has lost its resolve. However, I hold confidence that the cause is not lost and that your personal sacrifice of time and treasure is recognized and appreciated. We must dispel these rumors of nonsense by standing shoulder to shoulder to answer this provocation with steadfast loyalty and attention to duty....we must prepare!

Indications are that the Federals are once again secretly concentrating their forces. We must gather our courage and prepare to check this aggressive behavior by reinforcing our northern positions. Distasteful as this may be, it is vital to the country's defense and will reinvigorate and strengthen morale and unity against this unholy marauding horde.

Here at the Camp of the Inland Empire, communication lines have been established and the command staff is active and diligently engaged in directing preparations for the coming year campaign. Rest assured that battle plans and tactics have been placed in motion; therefore, we must do our part in supporting this strategy. All volunteers must enlist for the duration. To assist you with this compliance....you will find information and helpful links on the WCWA web page. In addition, you will find battle plans and pertinent information. If you have not yet completed this personal responsibility, then be advised.... you must get it done. Good people depend on your decisive action in regard to this personal commission.

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My compliments to all commanding officers.... be advised that you will soon receive your orders with my personal request for your loyal support to the Battalion staff and matters of interest to Adams Legion. So, until then, prepare your command and stand at the ready until called upon to move!

That is all,

Lt. Col. A.D. Brubaker

Department of the Northwest

Note from the Editor:

To my brothers-in-arms of Adams' Legion and the Army of the Columbia, My name is Logan Pendell and I am very excited to serve you as Dispatch editor. I'd appreciate having everything in by the 27th of each month. I would ask that nothing of negative intent be submitted; nothing that would make known any one-on-one dissension between members or units of the WCWA. The Confederate Chaplaincy has agreed to submit articles, so look for that around February. If you have any ideas or feedback, you can reach me at both the email and number below. I look forward to seeing you all this coming year; and to both battalions, I wish you the best of success on all fronts.

Glad to be of service,

Pvt. Logan Pendell

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From the Desk of the Chairman-

First, I'd like to say **thank you**, for all those who voted for me, I really appreciate your trust and support. I will endeavor to continue to promote the WCWA, run day to day business, and hopefully meet the needs of the entire club. To those that did not vote for me, I will do my best to try to be in tune with the needs of all our members. I want to forewarn you all now, This is my last year on the board, I am tired; and some drama that occurred this season have made the hobby more like work, and less like something I have enjoyed for many years. I want to just have fun, shooting, riding and sharing this thing called living history, and did I mention riding. Therefore, I will be looking to hand off the WEB Page, FB monitoring and of course the Chairmanship to those with fresh ideas and energy.

I hope in 2016 season we can lay down our arms, and come together for a shared purpose. During battles and while the public is in camp, we need to be divided. But after the public is gone, we should endeavor to put aside our differences and celebrate our shared common causes. Therefore, I challenge you all to cross the field and renew old friendships and possibly make new friends, at least one time this year. Maybe, it could have a profound and important impact on the future of this organization.

***“Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.” Lincoln***

I think it is going to be important that we make our focus on two major things. First, our events need to at least break even. In 2015, 3 of the four events lost money. We need to either improve these events, I believe they have the potential to still bring folk in, but if we do the same thing as last year, then these events stand a strong chance of being replaced. Second, in the last two years we have dropped over 200 members; we need to get units to turn on the Energizer Bunny, and focus on getting past members to get back in, and we need to start recruiting. Every member should have a WCWA tri-fold in their glove box or one of the new WCWA business cards I had made, in their wallet, ready to invite someone to drill or an event. Recruit-Recruit!!

Highlights-We had a Sponsored Contra Dance that broke pretty close to even. WCWA sponsored 4 major events and a dozen or so sanctioned events. We had a mostly injury free year, except for one of them dang CAV guys busting his butt. For the first time in forever, we paid out unit compensation, based on each unit's participation in the 4 major events. All units had till DEC 15 to send to treasurer their contact info and to whom the check was to be written out to. Most units complied and all those who did, got some extra green for their units. I am told on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, the online membership will be changing. There will still be growing pains, but hope to soon have a more interactive enlistment system, that members can make their own changes and commanders will be able to see their unit members' roster.

Last thing I want to leave you all with, as we close out 2015 and start fresh in 2016. Please let us all to endeavor to put the mission statement always ring in our ear. Try to consider, if my actions will support the mission of the WCWA, or will it tear it down. Then I ask you- Be positive, be a leader and support the WCWA.

Rich Bright

WCWA Chairman

## The Dispatch Advertising

Submit your ads and let the Dispatch work for you. This is a free service for WCWA members. Ads will be run for four months and then removed. If the item sells before that, or you wish to run your ad for another four months, please contact the Editor. Thank you.

### LONGHORN LEATHER

Handcrafted quality leather goods  
for the serious re-enactor.  
Custom work available.  
Lee McKewen, Maker  
509-627-1330

### The 11th Mississippi

is a new and growing unit.

If you are looking for a unit in which to have fun,  
this is the one.

Contact 1st Lt. George Sier  
at 425-308-1224 or [geosier@comcast.net](mailto:geosier@comcast.net)

### Items for sale:

Small parlor table, chairs, ladies apparel,  
some crystal items, china set, small decorative  
hanging lamps, table lamps, and more.

**12'x14' wall tent with plastic lined ground cover, frame pieces  
included, \$1,200**

**12'x24' plastic lined ground cover, \$500**

Contact Beth Sier, 425-308-7963, or [BethSier@comcast.net](mailto:BethSier@comcast.net)

### A-TENTS / MUSKETS NEEDED

The 11th Mississippi is looking for A-Tents, leath-  
ers, working muskets, and apparel for  
new members of the unit.

If you have an item you no longer use,  
please contact George at 425-308-1224  
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## The Dispatch Advertising (continued)

### PUGET SOUND CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Everyone is welcome!

On the 2nd Thursday of the month, JANUARY 14, 2016, Eva Abram will discuss **FROM JAMESTOWN TO NICODEMUS – The Making of American Racism**. She will discuss America's race relations leading up to the Civil War and beyond, and how our past shapes our present. Why did a country that started with high ideals of freedom from tyranny descend into Civil War that pitted brother against brother? What were the two sides fighting for? Against? Can we study the Civil War without taking into account the slavery that preceded it and the failed Reconstruction and the racial legacy that followed it? How can we come to terms with the past and move forward to work against the subtle and lasting practice of institutional racism that results in poverty and inequality? An actor, public speaker, and lover of history, Ms. Abram has spoken to schools, theaters, and history museums throughout the northwest. This presentation is courtesy of the Washington Humanities Speakers Bureau.

The PSCWRT provides a venue for enthusiasts to learn more about the American Civil War. We schedule presentations from a variety of historians, scholars and authors as well as promote the preservation of Civil War battlefields. Our monthly dinner meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. We start with a social hour at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00 and program at 8:00. We meet at the China Harbor restaurant on Lake Union in Seattle.

Make your dinner reservation online at [www.pscwrt.org](http://www.pscwrt.org), or email to Rod Cameron at [rodcam@comcast.net](mailto:rodcam@comcast.net)

Good afternoon,

For those of you who don't know, I operate a Firearms store in North Bend and we currently have a used Euroarms, Rogers & Spencer percussion revolver that we are selling for a gentleman. It comes with a period holster, as pictured, and the gun is priced at \$250 OBO.

If interested please inquire with Mike or myself at Bigg Dogg Firearms [\(425\) 888-2001](tel:425-888-2001).

Thank you,  
Cory Robinson  
100th Penn



**WCWA 2016 Event Schedule**

Refer to [www.wcwa.net](http://www.wcwa.net) for latest event information.

*January 16, General Board Meeting, (approve 2016 operating budget), Fall City Library, 33415 SE. 42nd Place, Fall City 98024*

*Spokane County Argonne Library, 4322 N. Argonne Road, Spokane 99212*

*February 20, General Board meeting, location(s) TBD*

*March 19, General Board Meeting, location(s) TBD*

***April 16, WCWA General Membership meeting, meeting type and location TBD***

April 29-May 1, Fort Simcoe Living History/School of the Re-enactor (Note: Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> set aside for public schools to visit the fort), Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Shane Colglazier, [cretetard@centurytel.net](mailto:cretetard@centurytel.net), (253) 851-5108.

May 12-13, Hovander/Ferndale School Event, Sanctioned (firing demo). Contact Karrin Porret, [skporrett@frontier.com](mailto:skporrett@frontier.com), (360) 384-3089.

May 21, Lilac Day/Armed Forces Day, Spokane, Sanctioned (no skirmish). Contact Lisa Tharp, [floydh3mvi@sisna.com](mailto:floydh3mvi@sisna.com), (509) 998-9136.

May 21, Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day, Ft. Lewis, Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Kevin Saville, [kevin@saville.net](mailto:kevin@saville.net), (360) 292-0966.

May 21, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton, Sanctioned (no skirmish). Contact Howard Struve, [hstruve@wavecable.com](mailto:hstruve@wavecable.com), (360) 874-8548.

*July 16, General Board Meeting (appoint election coordinator), location(s) TBD*

**July 9-10, Battle of Chehalis River, Chehalis, Sponsored public battle.** Contact Kevin Saville, [kevin@saville.net](mailto:kevin@saville.net), (360) 292-0966.

August 6, 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](mailto:babrsmith@peoplepc.com), (425) 483-0351.

**August 13-14, Battle of Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie, Sponsored public battle.** Contact Paul Timmerman, [pault0721@gmail.com](mailto:pault0721@gmail.com), (425) 894-5010.

*September 10, General Board Meeting, location(s) TBD (present draft 2017 event schedule)*

September 10, Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad Living History/Skirmish, Elbe, Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Larry Wendt, [law222@earthlink.net](mailto:law222@earthlink.net).

September 24-25, Kennewick Living History/Skirmish, Kennewick, Sanctioned. Contact Ron and Laura Evans, (509) 329-6510, [laura@keystonebattery.org](mailto:laura@keystonebattery.org).

*October 15, General Board Meeting, location(s) TBD (vote on the 2017 event schedule)*

November 5, Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, sanctioned. Contact C.B. Zohn, (206) 909-7831.

*November 12, General Board Meeting, location(s) TBD (announce Administrative Board election results.*

## 2016 WCWA Contact List

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