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Spring Ball, Saturday, March 12th



Upcoming Events...

- March 12, Spring Ball—sign up pg. 3
- March 19, General Board Meeting
- April 9, General Board Meeting & Honoring their Memory Ceremony, GAR
- April 16-17, School of the Company/Batallion
- April 30-May 1, Battle of Fort Steilacoom



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UNION, CONFEDERATE, AND CIVILIAN RE-ENACTORS

!!TURN OUT!!

FOR THE
13th ANNUAL

Living History Civil War Encampment
12 Noon--4 PM
Battlefield Skirmish
1:00 PM

"HONORING THEIR MEMORY" CEREMONY

Commemorating the
146th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ENDING OF AMERICA'S WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery
8601 Riverview Road, Snohomish, Washington

Saturday, April 9, 2011
Ceremony—2:00 P.M.

Hosted by: Company C 4th United States Regular Infantry Washington Civil War Association
& Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War/Sons of Veterans Reserve

For information: (425) 483-0351

Last year's was great. Let's make this year's even better!!



Boooooooooooooeeet!

Now hear this! Now hear this! All hands report to the Monroe Gun Show

Put on by the Cascade Mountainmen Club, the Monroe Black Powder Gun Show, Monroe WA is scheduled for March 12-13, 2011, set up March 11, 2011 starting at noon.

The Gun Show would like the WCWA to come back again next spring. With nothing to do in March if you look at the WCWA schedule of events, other than a board meeting, pass the word and mark you calendar.

The USS Tahoma and the CSN Bat are ready to take on troops. We have a berth (space) at the show and depending on how many of us respond to this call will define what we can do at the show.

There is not a Navy only event. All are invited to get involved and recruit new members to our Club.

Admission to the show will be free for a select number that commit to attend and work the booth/be in demos.

This gun show is the biggest show of its kind in the US as I understand it. It will fill 3 or 4 of the larger barns at the Fair Grounds. Attendance is in the 1000s. Chances are you will be able to find things you can add to your kit at this gun show that you have not been able to find any other place. Pots, pans, lanterns, boxes, tables, tents, cloths, blankets and all sorts of tools and weapons. The time period is only 20 years early for us.

The Tahoma/Bat is planning to have its guns and the "show and tell" we have at regular major WCWA events. Our hope is we have enough of us to put on round robin gunnery, infantry and related demos and lectures. We would like to add infantry drill, manual of arms and civilian representatives this year to our presentation. Musicians and Medical are welcome. We will be holding our annual re-qualifications of gun crews and anyone is welcome to join in on this so you can galvanize with us for the year or find out what your big guns are doing during a battle.

Come as a unit. Come alone. Come for the day. Come for the weekend... But come.

Please contact Boat's (aka. Gunny), 503-357-7096, yankeejim@comcast.net so we can have a berth ready for you.

Attention!!!

Fellow WCWA Members

The Washington State American Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

has set dates for educational public presentations for the 150th Civil War remembrance. Programs are planned starting this April 16th and continuing till April 11, 2015. These programs will be held at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Centralia Washington, and will consist of presentations, displays, and living history. The April 16, 2011 program will feature presentations on Fort Sumter, Causes of the War and Succession, and the African American Experience. Programs will consist of a Keynote speaker, presentations, displays and demonstrations. We will need a few Reenactors for each program to host displays, present talks and demonstrations, and act as docents at the Museum. You will be expected to be in correct period dress for the time period of the War and know your Civil War facts as you will be speaking with the public 1st and 3rd person. There will be a table for the WCWA and for WCWA Units to place their brochures and recruit. Due to the size of the facilities and limited space, a limited number of reenactors (Military & Civilian) will be needed for each program, so "first come first serve". You must sign up through us, as no walk ins will be allowed.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information please contact: Rusty or Bonnie Starr 425-743-9851 or e-mail : majfstarr@aol.com

Below are the 2011 proposed dates & key topics :

2011—April 16 Fort Sumter

July 16 Bull Run/Manassas

Editor:

For the other dates, see February Dispatch or stay tuned.



CSA Civilian Mason-Dixon Township
proudly presents its first annual

Spring Ball

on Saturday, March 12, 2011

Music & Dancing

Potluck Dinner & Dessert Buffet

Raffle Drawing & Prizes

Re-enactors and their guests are welcome, attire is mid-19th century period or formal dress (NO hobnailed brogans 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 pay \$5 extra to cover the liquor license fee. We look forward to seeing you there!



Registration Deadline: February 28, 2011

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2011

Time: 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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

Location: Steilacoom Town Hall

1717 Lafayette Street
Steilacoom, WA 98388

<http://www.townofsteilacoom.com>

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Vicki Cady.

Home: (360) 275-8312 Cell: (360) 649-2546 Email: stickyvicki@msn.com

Cut Along Dotted Line

2011 Spring Ball Ticket Reservation Form

Please include payment with your order; make checks payable to Vicki Cady. You will be notified when your order is received.

Deadline: 2/28/11

Mail order form and payment to: P.O. Box 2122, Belfair WA 98528

Deadline: 2/28/11

For the Potluck:

I will bring ...
(Choose one below.)
Please bring serving utensils and your own place settings.

- Main dish (serves 6 - 8)
- Side dish and Dessert (each serves 6 - 8)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone (including area code) _____

Email Address _____

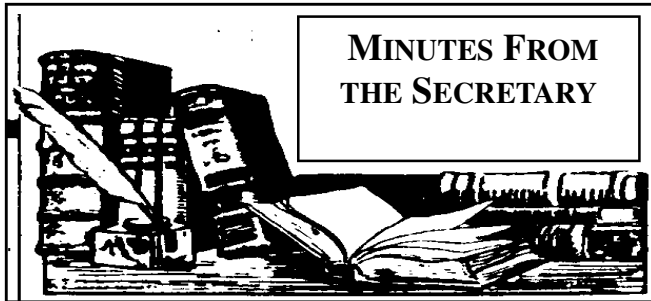
Ticket Request: Price (USD)

- Single Ticket \$20.00
- Couples Ticket \$40.00
- Family of 3 Ticket \$45.00
- Family of 4+ Ticket \$50.00
- Liquor Fee (if BYOB) \$5.00

Order Total _____

Method of Payment

- Check (# _____) Money Order



**MINUTES FROM
THE SECRETARY**

WCWA Board of Directors
& Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2011
G. A. R. Cemetery, Snohomish, WA

I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order 10:04 at 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 eight unit representatives and one proxy representative present (nine total). On the Federal side, there were eight unit representatives and four proxy representatives present (twelve total). Total eligible voting representatives was 21 out of 26.

III. Secretary's Report was made by Saville. The January meeting minutes were published in the February Dispatch. A motion was made to approve the minutes. There were no changes to the January meeting minutes; they were approved as read.

IV. Treasurer's/Membership Report was given by Treasurer Anna Flores. An updated spreadsheet was handed out. January entries are completed. Some major 2011 event expenditures, including some for Steilacoom and Port Gamble, and the WCWA liability insurance policy, are paid in full and under budget. Flores said there was approximately \$400 in savings with the new insurance policy, instead of two policies that would have otherwise been required. The savings was due to changing insurance companies and not financing the payments. 2011 membership stands at 275; we ended last year with 900 members. A lot more money should be coming in from membership dues to finance the events.

V. Brigade Commanders & Civilian Leaders Reports

Confederate Civilians: Linda Myers had nothing to report.

Federal Civilians: Erena Heino said that at Fort Steilacoom they will be doing a quilting bee. Donations of squares and material would be appreciated. Come and learn how to quilt.

Federal Brigade: Ted Saylor said that he has talked to Tobey Gulley about 2011 events. We will be portraying 1861 in regard to battles, starting with Steilacoom. Large battles will be scenario-based from the period. Ted said that Gunney requested that he bring up the artillery barrage that occurred last year at Ferndale, with a faster than normal rate of fire. The artillery folks determined that a faster rate of fire was safe (when soldiers are not downrange) and more realistic. Ted suggested that the artillery folks can talk about that and determine if they want to do it again. Al asked if there should be a vote on artillery rate of fire. Tobey expressed that the time between firing each round in a gun at Ferndale was decreased from 3 minutes between shots to 1.5 -2 minutes. Al asked for comments on the firing rate; some comments were made that having a number of guns (such as four on the Union side) firing every 30 seconds (2 minute individual gun rate) was very impressive. Norm Harriman asked if the 3-minute safety rule is more to protect the people on the gun than those downrange on the field. Tobey said the artillery guys said it is safe for them so everyone was in favor of it.

Confederate Battalion: T. Gulley said the Confederate battalion is looking forward to this year, and is working on getting people to turn out for Steilacoom.

VI. Unfinished Business.

A. Committee Reports

i. Event Planning & Activities

Plain. A. Myers said the Plain event has been discussed at several meetings. Howard Struve said the event application has been received. The date is Oct 1-2, 2011. It will be at downtown Plain, the same site where the event was done 16 years ago. There was no vote on the budget; the cost will be \$1,750 plus an insurance rider fee of \$300-400. There will be no rental fee for the site. Once expenses are paid for port-a-potties, three cords of wood, and a dumpster, the gate will be split between the landowner (Graham Watson) and the club. Peter Jensen is the lead event chair and Bruce Smith is co-coordinating. Lyle Gleason asked if the event counts for unit strength status. Following some discussion, it was concluded that the suspension of unit strength requirements was made at the end of 2009, for the two years following (2010 and 2011). Peter Jensen said that time of year is beautiful in that area. The owner is very excited to do the event. He estimates 3,000 people will attend the event in two days. Peter said that if attendance is at

1,200, at \$7 per person (\$8,400) the event will do pretty well. This will be a fun event and it extends our reenactment season about a month and a half. John Strand asked about the gate split; Peter said that after expenses, it will be a 50-50 split between landowner and WCWA. Peter said that the landowner will help support local services with the funds received. The Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival is starting at that time of year; local businesses and lodges are excited about having a number of events. Peter said there is 40 acres for the event; camp areas are not quite as large as Ferndale. **Ernie Sherrill moved to add the Plain event to the calendar. Motion was seconded and passed with 21 in favor and none opposed.**

Chehalis Veteran's Museum Events. Rusty Starr said that April 16, 2011 is the first Civil War sesquicentennial event at the Chehalis Veterans Museum. He said he has enough April volunteers right now. The setting is Fort Sumter so prewar apparel is appropriate. The July 16, 2011 event will focus on Bull Run so they will need more soldiers with early war clothing. There will be no large guns in April. There are two or more guns coming in July. There will be no firing unless the field adjacent to the museum becomes available. People well versed in communicating with the public are needed. Most displays will be inside. These are Saturday-only, one day events. If you wish to participate in July, please let Rusty know. Any unit may have brochures at the WCWA table; three to four members are needed to man the table. At each event, there will be a keynote speaker and then several other speakers. Rusty said there will be a Civil War-related catered meal for a nominal fee.

Fort Steilacoom. Gene Knight reported that the event will be a running (ongoing) scenario with one major battle at 2:00 each day. Scenarios leading up to the battles will include baseball games on the field and other contests. There will be judging, including for the best food dish by civilians. All commanders are invited to an officer's pie social at 7:30 Saturday night at the pavilion tent. This is an opportunity to further plan the entire season's events, including working out scenarios with sister units. The Lakewood Police Department said we provide enough security so they don't need to be there unless we want to spend the money. Decision was made to not pay for the L.P.D. to be on-site.

Spokane. A report made that good advertising is planned with TV spots through Comcast, billboards, etc. Event volunteers are working to clear some areas on the battlefield and in camps to improve them. The

state parks department is giving a little break on venue charges due to the work that's being done at the site.

Port Gamble. G. Knight reported that plans are in the works.

Roy. G. Knight reported that plans are being made for an event there in July, 2012. A. Myers asked if we want to do a small event there in 2011; comments indicated we have enough events for this year. Knight said there are 38 acres for the event. They will provide water buffalos, gravel, etc. Event discussion will occur at the Roy City Council meeting in a month. Shelly Butterfield-Knight said Pierce County is excited to have the event in Roy. There will be two big meetings, one with the City of Roy and one with the regional council, where there will be discussion of event. They are ready, willing, and able to do anything we need. Improvements will be made and it will be low budget.

Gold Bar "Gold Dust Days." E. Sherrill received confirmation that the Gold Bar event date is changed to July 30-31, 2011.

Event Volunteers. G. Knight said that to make more money at events, we need to have volunteers work the events, such as at the gate. S. Butterfield-Knight added that at Steilacoom and Gamble, they are working with the civilians to get more events going. The pavilion tent is available for presentations. Contact Shelly as soon as possible if you wish to volunteer. They would like to see more civilian demonstrations going on. Bonnie Starr has once again volunteered to host fashion shows. Bonnie said she needs ladies and men to volunteer to display clothing. She plans to put each show on between 1:00 and 1:45. Fashion show volunteers, please give Bonnie advance participation notice so that she can be prepared.

ii. Finance. Nothing to report.

iii. Living History. Nothing to report.

iv. Membership. **Treasurer A. Flores asked everyone to please use the latest membership forms that are on the website.** Flores relies on the unit commanders to check the forms and how much is paid. It's not the treasurer's job to go to individuals to tell them they didn't pay enough money. The rules are printed on the membership form. Approximately one-third of the dues have now been submitted. G. Knight asked if dues payment will still be accepted at events; Flores said that veterans should pay well in advance of events. Unit commanders that know an unpaid (past) member is coming to an event should talk to the person and advise that payment is required prior to participa (cont'd on next page)

tion. New members are anticipated to pay at events. **If the treasurer does not receive a person's dues by the Wednesday prior to an event, the person will have to pay at the event prior to participating.**

v. Outreach. Nothing to report.

vi. Publicity. H. Struve asked that event information be sent to the WCWA webmaster. The website is visited by the public; they want to know event schedules, how to get to events, and how much the events cost.

vii. Risk/Insurance. A. Myers announced that he changed liability insurance. The old insurance company, Scottsdale, said there was a 50-50 chance whether animals would have liability coverage. If something was to happen, the company would pay out but would determine liability after the event happened. **The new policy clearly covers member animals against liability claims. However, it does not cover visitor's animals. It does not cover reenactor claims (medical or liability between reenactors). It does cover reenactors at insured events (liability with the public, such as if the reenactor or their property injures a spectator) as long as it isn't malicious. If the damages were caused maliciously, Myers said it's the reenactor's problem.**

G. Knight said that everyone at the meeting is part of the safety committee. If you see an incident, contact WCWA administration to write up a report. B. Starr added that if you bring a dog, it has to be on a leash at all times. A. Myers said our horses are trained but a dog can take a dislike to someone pretty quickly. Myers indicated that we must have only current members (and those belonging to a reciprocating organization) going on the field and participating in camps. Nonmembers do not have liability protection and the WCWA could get stuck with what a nonmember does. Nonmembers are not to camp at events. In order to address late arrivals at events, Beth Siers assists Treasurer A. Flores and will take applications after 5 p.m. on each day of an event. At Steilacoom and Port Gamble, a registration table will be set up (and needs volunteers) to take member registrations. T. Sayler said he's okay with collecting member registrations at battalion headquarters and will forward applications to B. Sier after 5 p.m. Discussion continued on how to handle night time arrivals and enforcement of membership rules.

B. Annual \$5 Surcharge to Receive the Dispatch by U.S. Mail. A. Myers said that if you want the Dispatch mailed to you, there could be an annual \$5 fee. This fee would begin in 2012 and would not apply to honorary members. B. Starr said the membership is supposed to

include the printed Dispatch. If you choose to receive it by email, that's fine and it helps reduce the cost. Bob Davisson said it costs \$4,000 per year and many of the hardcopy recipients also access the Dispatch electronically. A. Flores confirmed the mailed Dispatches cost \$4,000 annually to send to 100 people (that equates to \$40 per person/household). Nathan Alred said the cost is a major budget item that helps a limited pool of people. Electronic mail is days faster than U.S. Mail. Alred suggested using the money spent on postage to pay our editor a reasonable amount of money and perhaps consider a better insurance policy. Compared to the amount of money spent on various activities, \$5 is nothing. N. Harriman said while some may not like having to pay extra, they do have a choice. Another option would be to raise all membership fees. The cost of publication has to be covered. California clubs charge \$15 more annually to receive their newsletter. A. Flores relayed email from Heidi Curnutt that said that \$5 is a very common amount to pay for newsletters. CB Zohn related that people pay their membership and count on getting the Dispatch. J. Strand asked about the nonprofit mailing status or bulk mail instead of first class. If everyone got a hardcopy, bulk rate would be cheaper. However, bulk rate takes time to sort. Other sentiments indicated everyone should have access to a computer somewhere, someday. N. Alred said the number of people that can't access it is miniscule compared to the \$4,000 cost. T. Lee said that as new member, he didn't realize how much it costs the club. If \$5 more is charged, he would just look at it online. L. Myers suggested that if a company member can't pay the \$5, perhaps it could be paid from company funds. **N. Alred moved that we impose a \$5 surcharge for USPS mailing of Dispatch beginning 2012. Motion was seconded and passed with 19 in favor and 3 opposed.**

C. General Board Meeting Quorum. A. Myers described two proposed options to specify a General Board meeting quorum: A) 1/3 of unit commanders including proxies. If that does not pass, then B) 50% plus one of unit commanders, including proxies. We have 29 voting companies/units. T. Gulley said he doesn't want to drive 100 miles and be told that we don't have a quorum in order to have an official meeting. Dave Lynam said both batteries he's representing are extremely sensitive about the 3 minute rule. He is opposed to the 1/3 proposal in case the gun owners are not represented. B. Sier said it's the

responsibility of a unit leader to be represented. If everyone comes, the one-third representation is not an issue. It was recognized that there have been meetings when we have barely had one-third representation. Myers said the rule right now should be 50% plus one according to Robert's Rules of Order. Harriman expressed that a window of opportunity for abuse exists if it's one-third. F. Starr requested clarification on whether a quorum is addressed in the Constitution. Saville read what is in Article 7; the mention of a quorum is in the Paragraph 3 for Bylaws changes. Discussion continued on whether it should be a bylaws or constitutional change. It was decided that this should be a constitutional change. Saville proposed a new Paragraph 4 to Article 7 which will contain the approved wording (second option below).

1) "A quorum of the General Board of Directors consists of one third of unit commanders including proxies." A vote by attending WCWA members was completed. Those in favor, 23; opposed, 15. Proposed wording was not approved (2/3 in favor = 26).

2) **"A quorum the General Board of Directors consists of 50%+1 of unit commanders including proxies." A vote of attending WCWA members was completed. Those in favor, 38; opposed, zero. Proposed wording was approved unanimously.**

VII. New Business.

A. VMI Contributions. CB Zohn thanked everyone that has helped the VMI financially and in other ways. If you are able to donate or help the VMI, please contact CB. If you have children that want to join the VMI, parents contact CB as soon as possible. The number of participants varies from 8-20+. CB can send a list of appropriate attire for Yankee children who wish to participate. CB's contact information is listed in the Dispatch contact list. CB added that in USA Today, they are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and they suggested that the war was racially motivated and that reenactment clubs want to bring back slavery. CB sent a long letter to the editor expressing that most reenactment clubs and participants are pro-American and pro-family.

B. Museum Donations. A. Flores reported that we had \$19,000 in the bank account at the end of 2010. The Flores' have visited the Chehalis Veteran's Museum and learned that the museum has a group organization membership level for a \$100 donation. Flores proposed that the club donate \$100 to the veteran's museum. Another worthwhile organization is the Civil

War Preservation Trust. It would be nice if we donate some of our money toward these and other organizations that have similar interests. Myers asked that we consider voting on this next month.

C. Publicity. G. Knight said that as the WCWA publicity coordinator, he would like to receive event information and get it published in regional media.

D. State Black powder Bill. F. Starr said the club is in the news because of the black powder bill that is moving through the state legislature. Rusty was interviewed for NPR (National Public Radio) and was on for about six minutes. The state fire marshal and a citizen public safety coalition are opposed to the bill's passage because they believe black powder is dangerous for the citizens of Washington State. Rusty said that for many years on the east coast, there have been far more events and never a problem. He said people want to blow things up will not use black powder and don't comply with the law anyway. The bill goes for a vote this week in Olympia. Rusty said we wouldn't be able to demonstrate what the Civil War was about with the proposed limitations.

E. Port Townsend Victorian Days. E. Sherrill asked if anything has been received from Victorian Days in Port Townsend. L. Myers said it's in March, the same day as our Board meeting. Tom Peloquin is our liaison for the event. A. Flores said she sent her own dues last year and she hasn't heard anything from them.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

A. Past Event Reports. There were none.

B. Upcoming Event Reports.

Spring Ball. Linda Myers said the Spring Ball is March 12. If you plan to go, please get your reservation in as space is limited. There should not be a problem, but you may not be able to get in if you pay at the door. Information is in the Dispatch. Bonnie said that is the same weekend as the Cascade Mountain Man show. The navy will be there and it is a great place to recruit.

Recruiting Venues. Shelly Butterfield-Knight said that for the last two years, the 4th has participated at the antique show at the fairgrounds. Antique events can be excellent recruiting venues. They got eight recruits that showed up for their company meeting. Numerous items were donated. Sporting goods stores are another good location for sponsorships and recruiting. (Cont'd Page 9a)

Battle of Little Round Top STEILACOOM PARK, LAKEWOOD, WA.

April 30 and May 1, 2011
A Public Paid Event, WCWA Sponsored

This event will give the Reenactors an opportunity to work out scenarios for the upcoming season. Through collaborative efforts, the military can work on battle plans, hand to hand practice, drills, how to take hits, safety issues, demonstrations and the like. A great opportunity for new recruits, and the older soldiers alike to refine their skills while under battle field conditions. Units will have the opportunity to organize and plan strategies for the upcoming campaigns!

The battle ground will be available all day for impromptu skirmishes (be ready if called), leading up to one main battle at 2:00 P.M. daily. I.E. baseball games

The Pavilion tent will be available for classes and demonstrations. Contact Shelly Butterfield via e-mail shellydbutter@aol.com to schedule time usage.

Civilians can practice their persona, share camp etiquette and expand their areas of concern, new civilian recruits need this help too.

The event will be publicized as a sponsored WCWA paid event. Maximum WCWA member participation will benefit our performance throughout the year.

The past two years have been a good start to reestablishing Steilacoom as an annual event for the WCWA. The city of Lakewood had been fully supportive and desires our return. Prior to the event the City does a mailer to approximately 1200 homes advising them of the activity and the cannon and rifle noise. Lakewood police are pleased with our event staff's performance and have stated they do not see the need requirement for added police protection. However, if a continued presence is required by the WCWA, it is a spendy line item at \$65 per hour.

This could also be the right venue to bring the WCWA together as a whole, for planning, agendas and introducing the new recruits to the larger picture. Courses, demos and other opportunities for Reenactors will have to be well planned in advance for the weekend. Published times for these courses and events will be available 30 days prior to the event.

Saturday evening there will be an *ice cream social* for everyone. The social is the opportunity for civilian and military to share ideas to improve our events for the reenactor and the public. Music will be planned for the evening.

At Battalion Commanders Orders !!

Union and Confederate Officers will be meeting together at

7:30pm to plan upcoming battles for the year in the Pavilion. As a company commander, if you are unable to attend please have a representative available. Or if you can only attend this meeting, please advise us ahead of time. Refreshment and drink will be provided.

We will be judging civilian and military camps for being period correct, the top in both categories will receive awards.

A contest will be held for Arm wrestling, Balance fight, and Indian leg wrestling. A representative from each unit will be selected to compete. The winner from the Union and Confederate will meet for "Bragging Rights" on the battlefield at 11:00am on Sunday, a trophy and prizes will be awarded. Speed loading contest will also be held.

The civilians will have a best dish contest. The judging will be held at the Social Saturday Night at 6:30pm. Be kind to your Battalion Commanders and staff they will be testing the dish. The choice is yours as to the dessert you would like to prepare as long as it is period correct.

The goal of the WCWA is to put the fun back into our hobby. The time and effort it takes to plan an event is never ending. As event coordinators we are always open for suggestions to make your events safe and enjoyable for all. The WCWA has a lot of talent and experience in our ranks and now is the time to step up with your special talents! Let us know what you can offer; sponsorships, event scenarios, ideas of new event locations or lending a helping hand for set up prior to the event.

To keep the WCWA in continuing to provide the level of entertainment and public education we do, it takes money and lots of it. As publicity chairman I have been endeavoring to gain sponsorships for us. Money is tight with everyone, most corporations in the past have been approachable, not the story now. The advertising dollar is now being spent on the internet or other advertising, not at public events. However, if we continue to provide quality events and have larger reenactor and public attendance, that will change. This year must be a maximum effort by everyone, there will be prospective sponsors at the events. We will continue to explore all avenues for investment into the WCWA. If you have a contacts for sponsorships please do not hesitate to contact us.

Any comment or question contact me or Shelly at anytime.

Let's have a great year, it is time to take to the next level.

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Honoring Their Memory. Bruce Smith said this year they will be celebrating the end and beginning of war on the same day. Unit commanders, please get lots of members to turn out. Smith said he has never turned in a budget but in recent years he has spent \$350 to put ads in newspapers: \$300 for the newspaper spots and \$50 for the woman that does the ad. B. Smith said he would like the \$200 that goes to the GAR Cemetery to be earmarked for that expense and he will pay the remainder. He said a good response has come from the newspaper ads. To prepare for the event, he would like to have a work party in March. There are windows to replace. Next board meeting is 3/19, then the event day is 4/9. Smith asked that cleanup be on 3/19 with 3/26 as a backup day if needed. S. Butterfield-Knight said Bruce should be reimbursed his \$300. **S. Butterfield-Knight moved that a \$350 budget be approved for Honoring their Memory Event advertising and brochures. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Unit Reports. 1st Michigan Light Artillery.

N. Lynam said the 1st Michigan has put together a brigade. They will have enough people to run another gun. It will be explained at the March meeting.

26th North Carolina Infantry. N. Alred said the 26th NC has a Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to "like" them.

C.S. Medical. B. Starr said that the C.S. Medical has a Facebook page as well. Rusty and Bonnie have joined the Medical Dept. and they will be involved in the medical depictions. They are looking for civilians to volunteer to read to wounded, feed broth, write letters, etc. Once a day, they will have a docent presentation. It should generate a lot of interest. They do need volunteers.

4th U.S. & Mr. Lincoln. S. Butterfield-Knight said that for the last couple years, Abraham Lincoln has been present at events. He has joined the 4th U.S. and would love to participate at more events.

D. Announcements. There were none.

IX. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Next Meeting March 19, 2011 at the Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin R. Saville

Secretary 1999-2005 & 2011

Washington Civil War Association

For those of us who have always
wanted to play with a train
Civil War Days
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We need military, both CSA and USA, from all branches as well as civilians, to put on a good show. We have been given a pretty free hand to decide what scenarios we want, they will run three trains each day but, once the trains leave the station the schedule goes out the window (so to speak) so we can set ambushes along the way, board the train wherever, and skirmish at the turnaround. They want us to mingle with the passengers and interact with them. But, to do this we need you and your ideas!

Yes, we need civilian scenarios too! There is room at the train station in Elbe to set up a small camp and a larger one can be established at the turnaround. The railroad is handling all the details – we only need to put on a good show.

Interested?

Contact Tom Peloquin, Stanford's Battery, at rebgunner@hotmail.com to volunteer and provide scenario ideas.

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Food for thought

Food historians tell us during the American Civil War the civilians/soldiers of the north generally ate better than the civilians/soldiers of the south. They also tell us the Southern plantation owner's family ate quite differently from its slaves. Members of the Gullah-Geechee community, Ohio factory workers, wealthy Boston merchants, New Orleans Acadians, New Jersey Swedes, Pennsylvania "Dutch," and Maine whaling sailors all preferred/enjoyed/ate different foods. In a nation populated by settlers from many lands there was (as is today) no "typical" breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. At the same time? The Industrial Revolution was making it possible to preserve (cans, bottles) and distribute (railroads) large quantities of food to a greater number of consumers. Indianapolis-based Van Camp's Packing Company supplied canned pork and bean rations to the Union Army.

A Rebel's Recipe- Ann Clarke, 10th Virginia

Old Time Beef Stew

Ingredients

2 pounds stew beef
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
Dash ground allspice or ground cloves
3 large carrots, sliced
3 ribs celery, chopped
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic, peeled
1 or 2 bay leaves
1 medium onion, sliced

Directions

Brown meat in hot oil. Add water, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, bay leaves, onion, salt, sugar, pepper, paprika, and allspice. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Remove bay leaves and garlic clove. Add carrots and celery. Cover and cook 30 to 40 minutes longer. To thicken gravy, remove 2 cups hot liquid. Using a separate bowl, combine 1/4 cup water and cornstarch until smooth. Mix with a little hot liquid and return mixture to pot. Stir and cook until bubbly.

The **Gullah** are African Americans who live in the Lowcountry region of South Carolina and Georgia, which includes both the coastal plain and the Sea Islands. Historically, the Gullah region once extended north to the Cape Fear area on the coast of North Carolina and south to the vicinity of Jacksonville on the coast of Florida; but today the Gullah area is confined to the South Carolina and Georgia Lowcountry. The Gullah people and their language are also called **Geechee**.

