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# Happy Thanksgiving

Annual Spokane Autumn Ball and Potluck  
Saturday, November 14, 2009  
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### *Upcoming Events...*

*November 21, WCWA Board Meeting  
Snohomish GAR,  
January 16, WCWA Board Meeting  
Snohomish GAR.  
For 2010 Information,  
Please see pages 6-7*

## Some Unpopular Thoughts

The mission statement of WCWA does not reflect what we do. The mission statement says

“Our objective is to interpret and present the daily life of Confederate and Federal soldiers and their families and associates for the public through living history, re-enactments, first person characterizations and education.”

It does not say that we come together to camp, play war games, and dance in beautiful pristine comfortable surroundings.

We schedule events all around the periphery of the state as close to the next state as it is possible to be.

We stay far away from the places where the people we want to educate live. The average family who might be somewhat curious about the Civil War is unlikely, especially now when money is so tight, to pile into the car and drive two or more hours to a re-enactment.

And then we have our favorite peripheral weekends year after year hoping that every single person who lives in these sparse areas will mark the calendar for the event.

If we want to re-enact for our own enjoyment alone we might have to charge each re-enactor to come to the event as is done back east. Then there would not be a drain on the budget and it would not matter if the public did not appear.

If our mission was truly education, we would be making every effort to be seen in as many places as we possibly could.

A grand total of 165 votes to date for our new board attests to the fact that apathy in WCWA is at its zenith.

Pat Pietsch

## With History Learning In Mind.....

MOHI

November 14 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join the Museum of History & Industry for a day-long Nearby History workshop that introduces the skills and resources needed to manage your own historical research project. Taught by MOHAI historian Lorraine McConaghy, this award-winning program will introduce three case studies in personal history that provide a framework for conducting a successful history project from start to finish, tailored to your own particular interest. Learn how to research your home, neighborhood, family or personal collection and more. Registration through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) (800-838-3006). \$45 MOHAI members, \$55 for non members, \$5 day-of fee. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Questions? Contact [lorraine.mcconaghy@seattlehistory.org](mailto:lorraine.mcconaghy@seattlehistory.org) or phone 206/324/1685 x23.

## New NPS Calendar

The National Park Service has a new Sesquicentennial events calendar. To have a look, go to <http://cwar.nps.gov/civilwar/civwarSesqEvents.html>.

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## Annual Spokane Autumn Ball and Potluck

Saturday, November 14, 2009

St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall -- 4420 N. Jefferson \*

Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00, Dancing at 7:00

### Event Information:

Civil War era / 19<sup>th</sup> Century attire or semi-formal wear please. Gentleman please cover your heel plates. There will be live music and period dancing with instructions from caller Penn Fix. You do not need to know how to dance to have a great time! This year we will all be in one nice large room. Those who wish to can sit a spell, those who wish to watch the dance can just watch, and those who want to dance their hearts out will have all kinds of elbow room.

### Cost:

\$20 Single ❖ \$40 Couple ❖ \$45 Family

Pay at the door but please RSVP to Bryan and Sunye Tafoya at 796-4446 or tafoya434@yahoo.com so we have an idea of a headcount.

### Food:

- ✓ Please bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert to the potluck.
- ✓ Please bring serving utensils but disposable plates/utensils will be provided.
- ✓ Water, coffee and punch will be provided. No alcohol please.

We need volunteers to help decorate before the Ball and clean up afterwards. We have access to a dumpster on site this year. If you can help with either of these please let Bryan or Sunye Tafoya know when you RSVP.

\*The social hall is just three blocks west of Monroe and two blocks south of Wellesley. Parking and building entrance is on the west side of the building.

**MINUTES  
FROM THE  
SECRETARY—**



**Call to Order-10:04**

**Roll Call-**

**Administrative-All Present**

**Union Absentees-** 76th Penn, 12th US, 20th Maine, and 28th Mass.

**Confederate Absentees-** 7th SC, 21st NC, and Cobb's Battery

**Secretary's Report-Approved**

**Treasurer's Report-**

Beginning Balance-\$9,501.49,  
Expenses-\$43,151,  
Income-\$32,850 and  
Cash on Hand was \$8,200.

Ft. Simcoe gave WCWA \$250 but asked for \$150 to be used for next year.

\$4,400 was made from the Hovander Event.

Membership is increasing. The last 2 insurance payments were made for this year.

**Brigade Reports/Civilian Reports**

**Union-** In off-season mode but starting to plan next season.

**CSA-** Tobey will be the new commander. He has been put in contact with Marblemount. The season went well and all reports were positive from the units, Civilians sewing and getting ready for next year all ready.

**Committee Reports-**

**Event Planning- Accepting event**

**applications for 2011 and 2012.** 26th NC is planning an event for 2012 that will take place in Yacolt, close to Battleground. The event coordinator is Dan Russo.

Standard procedures for handling money incoming/outgoing for events will be put in place. The Treasurer, Event Coordinator and an Executive Board member will be involved.

**Finance-** WCWA is going to be working on closing the stipend account so as to help in bookkeeping matters and to save on fees.

Those units who do not have their own unit accounts will be sent a step by step way in which to set one up.

**Membership-**Deadline for membership applications and money is Dec. 31,2009 for the upcoming year.

**Outreach/Publicity-** WCWA members attended both the AYPE and Evergreen Cemetery events. The turn-out of WCWA members was disappointing. Those who did attend had an opportunity to promote the WCWA using demonstrations, presentations, brochures, and answering questions. Both events will be held next year. The Evergreen Cemetery is trying to expand the event as well as publicize it more. AYPE event is being set up for next year by the Revolutionary War Club. It will be held in Bothell in September or early October. It will be a 2 day event.

**Risk/Insurance**

**Findings/Recommendations**

1. Goal to improve safety training for WCWA members.
2. Streamline the process of registration.
3. Tracking responsibility for good training.

**Decisions of Committee**

1. Constant redundant testing of WCWA veterans creates unnecessary work for commanders and doesn't lead to improved safety performance.
2. Adds stress to the annual registration process.
3. High Emphasis should be on training new recruits and new transfers to specific clubs/units.

**How to accomplish these goals**

- A. Safety standard book will be developed which details the current WCWA safety rules.
- B. This handbook will be given to each recruit or new member.
- C. WCWA will prepare these books and they will be provided to Company Commanders as requested.

**Company Commanders' Responsibilities**

1. Company Commanders will be required to make sure the safety training is done.
2. He will administer the safety test to each new member of each club/unit.



3. Company Commanders will make sure the test is passed.

4. Company Commanders will be responsible for certifying that their new members and recruits have received the safety handbook and passed the safety test.

**Changing of Wording on the appropriate Applications Membership registration form-**

On the safety disclaimer it will read "That the applicant by their signature confirm they have received the WCWA Safety handbook, that they agree to training and testing for safety, and that they are ultimately responsible for their safety and the safety of others."

**Company Commanders-**

Their signature on registration will contain language stating "Commander by signature certifies delivery of WCWA Safety handbook and that the member has passed safety testing."

**Finally-**The use of Battle/Event cards may be contained but ultimately each **Company Commander is responsible for safety status of each member they lead at an event.**

**Motion-**That the above presented Safety procedure be adopted by the WCWA and implemented for the next event year. That discussion occur at the next WCWA meeting, prior to voting and that the Risk Committee be authorized to streamline and implement this procedure for the new season.

Submitted by Risk Committee, WCWA, for Board Approval.

**This motion will need a 2/3 vote to pass.**

**Constitution Change suggested.**

Article 4, Paragraph I- A motion was made to include sanctioned as well as sponsored events. As of now it reads"

Individual units may be formed but must be recognized as such by the Board of Directors of the Washington Civil War Association. The Board of Directors shall set standards for unit recognition. Although individual units are

autonomous, they must agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the WCWA at WCWA sponsored events.

Motion- I make a motion that we include adding to Article 4, Paragraph 1, sanctioned as well as sponsored events,

This motion was approved. A 2/3 vote will be necessary on this motion too. It will be voted on in February.

**Election Report**

165 envelopes are in so far. This is more than last year. The envelopes will be opened/ counted starting this week. All ballots are due by October 31, 2009.

**Calendar 2010**

Sanctioned events were all passed as written on calendar. Still a question regarding June 12-13 event since event coordinator is not a current member of WCWA.

Sponsored Events were voted on individually.

**Ft. Steilacoom**

9 for it, 7 against it and 5 abstained

**Hovander, Spokane, and Pt. Gamble events were approved.**

**1. Ft. Steilacoom-May 1-2, budget proposed was \$7,898.13**

**2. Spokane, May 29-31, Budget proposed was \$11,800**

**3. Pt. Gamble, June 19-20, Budget proposed \$8,950**

**4. Hovander, August 7-8, Budget proposed \$7,612.50**

**New Business**

1. Appropriate Language/Behavior is expected at all WCWA board meetings.

2. RACW has not spoken anymore about becoming members of WCWA.

**Good of the Order**

1. AYPE event went well although turn-out of re-enactors and public was small. Both events will be happening next year. The dates/ location will be different for AYPE. Advertising

# WCWA 2010 Event Schedule

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## 2010 Events

*January 16, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (Approval of the 2009 operating budget)*

### **February 20, WCWA General Membership meeting, Snohomish GAR Cemetery**

March 5-7 or 12-14, School of the Soldier, Fort Flagler, sanctioned. Contact Joe Garrett, snojo@verizon.net

March (Date to be determined), Living History Event, Lower Columbia Community College, Vancouver, WA sanctioned. Contact Erena Heino, cwmarm@juno.com

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

April 3, Honoring Their Memory Ceremony & General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery, contact Bruce Smith, [babrsmith@peoplepc.com](mailto:babrsmith@peoplepc.com), 425-483-0351.

April 16 & 17, Selah School District Event, Selah, WA, Contact: Tim Shaw, [tpshaw@adprollc.com](mailto:tpshaw@adprollc.com) (425) 985-1540

April 17 & 18 School of the Company/Battalion (Union is invited to attend), Marblemount, WA. Contact Toby Gulley, [gulley246@aol.com](mailto:gulley246@aol.com), (360) 354-3011

**May 1-2, Battle at Fort Steilacoom, Fort Steilacoom, sponsored public battle.** Contact John Strand, [strandjr@hotmail.com](mailto:strandjr@hotmail.com), (206) 784-4123 or Shelly Butterfield, [shellydbutter@aol.com](mailto:shellydbutter@aol.com)

May 6-7, Whatcom County Education Day, Hovander Farms, Ferndale, sanctioned. Contact Karrin Porret, [skporrett@verizon.net](mailto:skporrett@verizon.net), (360) 384-3089

May 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday) Tumwater Middle School, Tumwater, WA. Encampment Presentation –all day. Contact: Cheryl Reams [dnscreams@comcast.net](mailto:dnscreams@comcast.net)

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

May 15, Lilac Day/Armed Forces Day, Spokane, sanctioned. Contact Lisa Vaughn, [jbtlbumblin@sisna.com](mailto:jbtlbumblin@sisna.com) (509) 747-0331

May 15, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton, sanctioned. Contact Howard Struve, [hstruve@wavecable.com](mailto:hstruve@wavecable.com) (360) 874-8548.

May 15, Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day, Ft. Lewis, sanctioned. Contact Bernie Bateman  
Home: (253) 846-8919 Cell: (253) 720-0042 [SgtBBB@earthlink.net](mailto:SgtBBB@earthlink.net)

**May 29-31, Battle of Spokane Falls, Spokane River State Park, sponsored public battle.** Contact Lisa Vaughn, [jbtlbumblin@sisna.com](mailto:jbtlbumblin@sisna.com) (509) 747-0331

June 5-6, Fort Simcoe, sanctioned. Contact Bruce Frazier, [BFrazier@SageFruit.com](mailto:BFrazier@SageFruit.com)

June 12-13, Fort Walla Walla, Walla Walla, sanctioned. Contact Terry Mourning, [dixiefifer@yahoo.com](mailto:dixiefifer@yahoo.com), (509) 536-4252.

June 12-13, Flag Day 2010, Fairfield, sanctioned. Contact Stephen Howard, [saaqt@juno.com](mailto:saaqt@juno.com), (509) 842-2156.

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

**June 19-20, Battle of Port Gamble, Town of Port Gamble, sponsored public battle.** Contact Gene Knight, [cscgene1@aol.com](mailto:cscgene1@aol.com), (360) 874-8548 or 253-535-4433

July 4th Parade, Everett, WA, Contact: Tim Shaw, [tpshaw@adprollc.com](mailto:tpshaw@adprollc.com) (425) 985.1540

July 9-10 Little Diamond Resort Living History/Skirmish Event, Spokane area. Contact Gary Michie, [mi-chiegr1@msn.com](mailto:mi-chiegr1@msn.com)

July 10, Cheney Parade, sanctioned. Contact Bob Davisson, [bob@14thvirginiacavalry.org](mailto:bob@14thvirginiacavalry.org) (509) 995-8619.

*July 17, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (Appoint election coordinator)*

July 30-31 Deer Park Settlers Days, at Mix Park, Deer Park, WA. Contact Gary Michie, [mi-chiegr1@msn.com](mailto:mi-chiegr1@msn.com)

**August 7-8, Battle at Hovander Farm, Ferndale, sponsored public battle.** Contact Jerry Shiner, [shiners10@msn.org](mailto:shiners10@msn.org)

*August 14, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.*

August 26-September 6, Evergreen Fair, Monroe, WA. Contact Pat Pietsch, [trustinyhwh@juno.com](mailto:trustinyhwh@juno.com)

*September 11, Echoes of Blue and Gray & General Board Meeting, Evergreen Cemetery, Everett. (Present draft copy of proposed 2010 event schedule)*

September 11, Echoes of Blue and Gray, Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, contact Bruce Smith, [babrs-mith@peoplepc.com](mailto:babrs-mith@peoplepc.com), (425) 483-0351. (This event will take place after the board meeting)

*October 16, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (Vote on the 2011 WCWA schedule)*

November 6, Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, sanctioned. Contact C.B. Zohn

November 6, WCWA Grand Harvest Ball, Bellingham, Contact Karin Porrett, [skporrett@verizon.net](mailto:skporrett@verizon.net), (360) 384-3089

*November 13, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (WCWA Administration Board Election results announced).*

of event is being expanded.

2. Evergreen Cemetery-Participation of WCWA members was disappointing but the event is going to be expanding their advertising for next year.

3. A dedication was held at a cemetery in Spokane this year and it was well-done and some WCWA members in the area attended. This was the first year of this event.

### Upcoming Events

Nov. 7- Auburn parade, meeting time 10:00

Nov. 7- Harvest Ball, Bellingham at the Majestic Ballroom starts at 6:00 with Dessert Buffet.

Nov. 7- Dedication at Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle at 2:30.

June 25-27- Little Big Horn event.

### Unit Reports

**1st US Cavalry** will be attending the Little Big Horn event in June.

**14th VA Cavalry** were visited by a couple from Finland who wanted to see the drills/formations used during the Civil War. They had read John Ford movies.

### Announcements

1. Gene Knight has offered to help prepare a booklet geared towards the event coordinators and the steps of setting up an event. This includes sponsors, security, location etc.

2. Recognition of WCWA board members, retirees etc. was suggested. These could be done at the annual ball or meeting.

3. Organizing a dance at each sponsored event was suggested.

4. Remember the dates of board mtgs. at times may be changed.

Adjournment-11:45

Sandy Burwell  
Secretary

Adjournment-11:45

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21 at GAR Cemetery.

**Attention Sons of the South!**  
The 14th Virginia Cavalry is now taking recruits for its famed  
**Hunter Killer Squad!**  
this is a dismounted, special operations team that utilizes Guerilla Warfare vs. standard formation tactics.

Anyone that has an interest in Cavalry tactics and special unit training whether you are a seasoned veteran or an individual new to the WCWA that is not sure of your true interest contact:  
2nd Lieutenant Richard Hogan  
XO 14th Virginia Cavalry  
Recruiting Officer [ikillubugs@aol.com](mailto:ikillubugs@aol.com)  
(509) 953-3804

### Growin' soldier needs clothes!

New to reenacting, need Union infantry uniform (waist 32", height 5'7" and still growing) also leathers, and 1861 Springfield rifle. please contact Caleb Grove at 509-927-3989.

### Classified Ads

Submit your ad and let the Dispatch work for you. This is a free service for WCWA members. Ads will be run for 4 months then removed. If the item sells before that or you wish to run your ad for another 4 months, contact the Editor.

### Boys looking for muskets, Folks!

Looking to purchase any musket that is in good working order. My brothers and I are just starting out in civil war reenacting and need to make this purchase before the start of next season. Contact me by phone at (509)280-1089 or by email [djipton@otiso.com](mailto:djipton@otiso.com)



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## My time as a Turncoat

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I have been reenacting for three and a half years and have developed many friends in both Union and Confederate camps. I have heard comments from both sides about how this side or that side has not always been that friendly toward members of the other camp. Some folks have said that the attitude has bordered on outright hostility. To be fair most of those comments have been referencing times gone by (hopefully never to return). My first experience with Confederate camp was at Snohomish 3 years ago when I went "over there" in Union uniform after lunch. I had permission from my Captain but I did detect a bit of a smile (I think he wanted to let me find out on my own what it was like being captured). In short order I was captured and taken to Brigade where I was presented to Major Gulley. I explained that this was my first big reenactment and I was curious about Confederate camp and wanted to see it while things were up and running vs. after 5pm. I was given a pass then the Major decided to extend some southern hospitality and give me a personal guided tour of the camp including telling me about each unit. Although I am sure it was an experience that was quickly forgotten by Major Gulley I have not forgotten the kindness shown to a new club member. I began to "sneak" over to Confederate camp more and more making friends at each and every event. It became fun to recognize different friends on the battlefield and honor each other's shots. After all, isn't it more fun to be shot by a friend vs. taking a hit from "somebody"? I received many invitations to come on over to the gray side over the years and at Ferndale my family and I decided to take the 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina up on the offer as my own 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan would be in garrison elsewhere. I was curious how I would see things on the battlefield. Would I feel bad or guilty shooting at the guys in blue? Would I start to feel some deep seated thrill as I was part of a loud "Southern Yell"? How would the tactics differ? I was looking forward to seeing a battle from the downrange end of a Springfield to see what I could bring back to my unit. It was interesting to see the little differences from how we formed up in the morning, to parade, to different maneuvers on the field. (I gotta be honest Sgt. Alfred, I still don't get the 90 degree turn maneuver you guys do). I must admit it just

didn't feel right shooting at the fellers in Blue but maybe that is the way it was. I also have to admit that I was pretty proud of the way that the Union troops stuck to the cover of the fence line and used it to good advantage. I was also very surprised to learn that my perceptions of the Southern troops as little more than rednecks in uniform (as far as battlefield tactics went) couldn't have been more wrong, and the constant vigilance displayed for the casualties on the field (firing high and checking on their welfare) was a very pleasant surprise.

In many ways this weekend was one of the most fun not only myself but my family has had. My son loved his time with the VMI and it was nice for my wife to really enjoy the camaraderie of all of the southern ladies in camp.

After spending the weekend seeing how the "other side" lives I can't recommend the experience highly enough. I think that all members of the club from the lowliest private to Battalion staff would benefit from enjoying and seeing how the other side does business. The worst thing that can happen is you learn what life is like on the other side...the best thing is you could make new friends.

I was approached by one spectator Sunday morning and he asked me if there was any animosity between the reenactors in the two camps. I thought about it for a minute and told him that I have reenacted on both sides and that the folks in blue are not Union Soldiers, and the folks in gray are not Confederate Soldiers. Rather we are all members of a club that have a real passion for this time in American history. We all have our various reasons for choosing to portray the sides we do, whether it is to honor a family member, accident of geography, or just some aspect that feels more right wearing one uniform than the other. I was however, very proud to tell him that I had very good friends in both camps and was welcome to fall in on either side.

They were and are,  
in the language of Wordsworth:

"Perfect women, nobly planned to warn, to com-  
fort and command."

Women of the Confederacy



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## Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?

Lost- one dog tent, poles and tent pegs, left behind in packing contact Sgt Angell of the 26th NCT if found and I will identify . [pvt\\_angell@hotmail.com](mailto:pvt_angell@hotmail.com) (09/09)

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MOATES, Robert "Bob" Courtland Sr., entered into eternal rest July 21, 2009, after a valiant battle with cancer, at age 74. He was the son of Bascom and Tena Gilliam Moates of Richmond, who preceded him in death. Mr. Moates was a well-known area businessman and founder of Bob Moates Sports Shop, Inc. in Chesterfield County and Charlotte Courthouse, Va., along with Rebel Sporting Goods in Keysville, Va. He was a licensed electrician and master gunsmith, and his business in Chesterfield County became a local landmark for area sportsmen over the last 50 years. Mr. Moates was known to many thousands of Virginians as "General Robert E. Lee," a persona he took on as a living historian and reenactor. His uncanny resemblance to General Lee created much demand for his services at historical reenactments, ceremonies, parades, and the movie industry. Mr. Moates was the founder of the General Robert E. Lee Camp #1589 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Charlotte County Grays Camp in Charlotte Courthouse, Va. As a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, he served in the elected offices as Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, and Lt. Commander. Mr. Moates served his country as a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Virginia National Guard. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 22 years, Grace; two sons, Robert Jr. and James; and many nieces and nephews. His family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Bliley's-Chippenham, 6900 Hull Street Road, where a funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, with interment in Hollywood Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County, Virginia. Published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch from 7/23/2009 - 7/24/2009