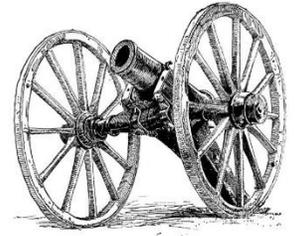


# THE GROWLER

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**Cascade Civil War Society**

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## *The Battle at Montague?*

That's Montague, California, not someplace in the deep South which the town's name conjures up. But judging from the looks of the town, it might as well be a good old Southern town. The dates for this event, ... September 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>.



This is a first time Civil War event in Montague and the encampment area is right in the middle of the town at Railroad Park. A nice tree lined grassy area to set up camps with water available. The battlefield is a very short distance away in a nearby field.

Set up will be on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. With the event running on Saturday and Sunday. NO GROUND FIRES will be allowed. All fires must be off the ground or use a camp stove of some type. (Please note that due to the extreme dry conditions that even fires that are off the ground may not be allowed. So, come prepared.) At this point in time, it is

unknown if there will be a Pot-Luck dinner on Saturday evening. But play it safe and come ready to add to such a fun part of event.

The event coordinator, Peter Infelise, has stated that some of the Reenactors of the American Civil War, (RACW) in Northern California will be coming up to this, as it is right at their back door. And it looks like they may be bringing some cannon(s) up.

How to get to Montague? Simple. find your best route to Yreka, California on Interstate 5 and from there head East on highway "3" for 6 and a half miles. The campsite is in the middle of town. If you are not a camper, there are Motels and Hotels in Yreka six miles away. But book early.



## **FORT KLAMATH'S LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND**

Fort Klamath took a quiet step back in time on the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There was no pressure or schedules to keep during the event. Just a relaxing time to enjoy the past. One of the highlights of the weekend was the 100-year-old blacksmith bellows that Gina Janelli set up for all to see. It was the type of bellows that would have been used at the Fort back in the day. Sadly, this was the last time we will see the grand old tool at Fort Klamath, as she is donating it to a historical group in California where it can be housed and put on display. It will be missed. To sum up the event, it was a success as the public enjoyed see the past come to life brought to them by the Cascade Civil War Society.



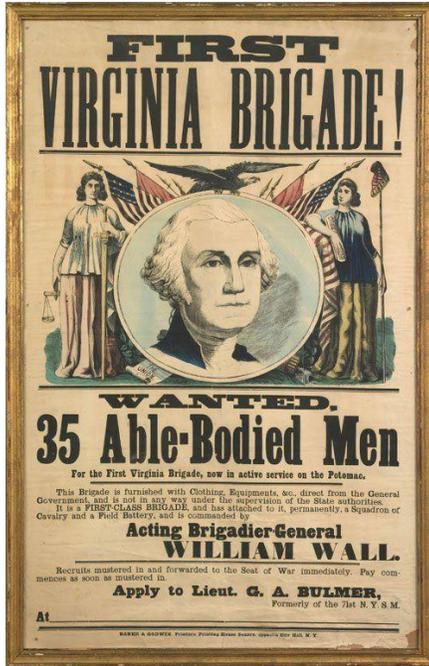
# From the President's Pen

Hi, CCWS Members,

I hope that everyone has been able to have a good summer, and that you've been able to do some enjoyable activities. Our events have been pretty successful, even with the smoke and the virus.

The Montague Reenactment is coming up, and the dates are September 24, (set-up,) with the event taking place on the 25th. and 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Infelise at 530-598-2892.

Now, on to a subject very important to our club. New members. We need 'em! We have signed up several this summer, which is a very good thing, and everyone should be alert to recruit more.



Recruiting of new people is every club member's business. We have a good organization, and we definitely want it to continue, and for that to happen, we need to build our numbers. Everyone should be prepared to talk with those who express an interest in joining us. Do your best to tell them about the club and our activities, and display a friendly, welcoming and helpful manner as you talk with them.

And this brings me to the mechanics involved when a new person becomes a member. It is critically important that membership forms and dues get to our treasurer, Noelle Smith, as soon as possible. I can recall instances in the past where this step was neglected, which caused some problems. Once, after our club lost a new member's forms and dues, we had to pay their dues in order to make things right. Kind of embarrassing.

So, if you are involved in signing up a new member, take a few moments to make sure to check their form after they have filled it out, making certain it has been fully completed. If they have just taken the safety test, make sure to include that along with the membership form and the dues, and get it to the treasurer ASAP if she is present at the event. If she isn't in

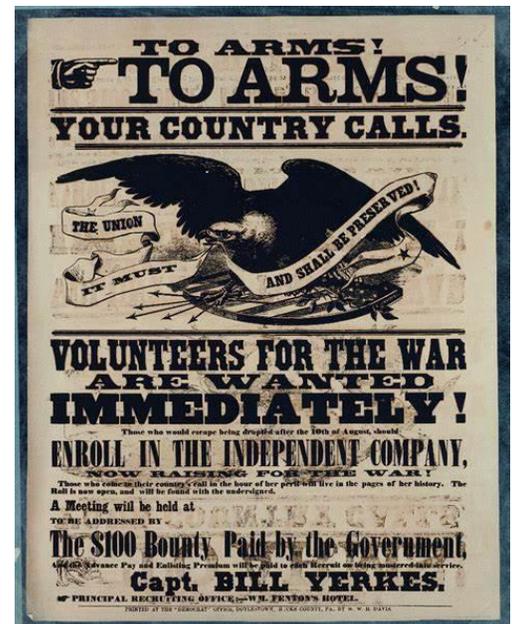
attendance, don't just toss the stuff in your tent someplace, where it might get lost or mangled somehow. If Bob Bolenbaugh is there, please take the forms and dues money to him, as he has a cash box and is used to collecting various monies. Otherwise, you can take it to the Event Coordinator, as they usually have a place to keep event forms and information.

The whole idea is to make very certain that those forms and dues are taken care of and not lost or neglected for weeks or months buried somewhere with your gear.

New members need to be made a part of the club when they join, and should be contacted by the New Member Coordinator, welcomed into the organization, and offered assistance with any questions they may have, help with personas, where to obtain uniforms and gear, etc., and that cannot be accomplished if their information gets lost.

So, let's have fun, enjoy our events, and see that new members are made to feel welcome and a part of the CCWS team!

Hugh



# FROM THE CIVIL WAR FILM VAULT

A powerful Civil War film came out in 2012. One that is perhaps the best film on Abraham Lincoln that has been produced to date. I'm sure many of you saw this film



at the theaters and my even own a copy of the film. I was living in Salk Lake City, Utah when the film came out and had joined the Utah Civil War Association (UCWA). As a group we booked out a lounge theater at a local movie complex and we all went to see the film together in period attire. It was well worth the evening's outing. The theater complex folk enjoyed having us come out to see the film in period garb, as did other people in the theater complex who had come to see other films.



I've picked out a few scenes from the film "LINCOLN". The first scene is powerful in that Lincoln raises his temper over the fact that slavery must end.

<https://youtu.be/1qjtugr2618>

The President had read the writings of Euclid, from over 2,000 years in the past and came to understand that things are equal to each other. That is a mathematical rule and here, he appeals it to the problem at hand.

<https://youtu.be/xzc4nepr c>

In this last clip, it is close to the end of the war. Only days left. Lincoln sees the horror of war, then sits down with General Grant and tells him how he would like to see the end of the war turn out for everyone

<https://youtu.be/BAunpxS8GXo>

If you have never seen this strong film on Abraham Lincoln, I highly recommend that you do so.

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## What Were Vivandieres?

Vivandières have an interesting role in the American Civil War. These brave women traveled with soldiers as mascots or nurses; there are even cases where they fought alongside their male counterparts. A vivandière could provide creature comforts to the soldiers. Officially during the Civil War, the term Vivandière is usually applied only to women who served with Zouaves. The term "Vivandière", is derived from a mixture of French and Latin, which literally means "hospitality giver." Many Vivandières carried a trademark cask, either round or oval, often filled with brandy or wine.

### Physical Description

Jacket with blue with orange facings, lace trim on neck and cuffs. Button ornamentation. Matching blue pleated cloth skirt with orange accent trim.



# A Blast from the Past

From the Growler of September 2007

## **The Money Problem. . . For Both Sides.**

Money was not always plentiful in the North. In 1861, on the brink of bankruptcy and pressed to finance the Civil War, Congress authorized the United States Treasury to issue paper money for the first time in the form of non-interest bearing Treasury Notes called Demand Notes. Paper money gradually intruded on specie, and large loans had to be floated to sustain the war effort, with financiers such as Jay Cooke serving as agents and making fortunes. However, money could at least be obtained in the North.

In the South money had to be printed. Starting with the sound idea that heavy taxation would save the currency, the Confederate Congress could never bring itself to levy against cotton, land and slaves, the main elements of the Southern wealth. Both sides introduced an income tax. The South adopted the unique and partly effective "tax-in-kind," which preempted a portion of each farm's output to provide food for troops. However, various schemes—the "produce loans," impressments, state bond issues, even the \$15 million Erlanger loan offered by a French financial house—failed to secure Confederate money. From a par level at the beginning, Confederate dollars constantly sagged as inflation paced defeat; by 1865, a Confederate dollar was worth about 1.5 cents in Union money.

In 1865, near the war's end, Gold Certificates were issued by the U. S. Department of the Treasury against gold coin and bullion deposits and were circulated until 1933.



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## Up Coming Events

**September 9<sup>th</sup>.** The Klamath Falls Chapter of the CCWS will hold it's monthly planning meeting at the Klamath County Museum at 6:30 PM

**September 16<sup>th</sup>.** The Rouge Valley Chapter of the CCWS normally meets. But as of the printing of this Growler, no location has yet been found for the monthly meeting. If you know of a place that meetings can be held, please contact us and let us know

**September 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.** A CCWS Reenactment at Montague, California is taking place. For more information, see the related article above. Members the RACW have said they will **attend.**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>.** The Klamath Falls Chapter of the CCWS will hold it's monthly planning meeting at the Klamath County Museum at 6:30 PM

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### WARNING: Bad Civil War Joke Here

**Me:** "Dude! Help! I'm convinced that I'm possessed by the ghost of an American Civil War General!" **Ed:** "That's incredible! Are you sure, man?" **Me:** "Nope, but 'Grant,'" **Ed** - that's a good guess." **Ed:** "Are you ever possessed by confederate commanders?"

**Me:** "General Lee? No. (Warned you it was bad.)"

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