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## A N O T E F R O M T H E E D I T O R

GREETINGS FROM YOUR WAR NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR 2013. I SINCERELY DO APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY IN GETTING THIS INFORMATION OUT TO YOU. DURING TIMES OF WAR, THE RESPONSIBILITIES ABOUND. ITS BEEN QUITE A YEAR. ITS UNBELIEVABLY CLOSE TO ITS CULMINATION. LETS CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS A WONDERFUL YEAR. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SOME OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS.

CORDIALLY YOURS,  
MARITZA TORRES

## H I G H L I G H T S F R O M T H E A N N U A L M E E T I N G

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD AT HOMETOWN BUFFET IN TEMPLE CITY, ON JANUARY 5TH, 2013.

WE REVIEWED THE PAST YEAR, AND THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS YEAR WE DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE MORE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENTS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ITS IMPERATIVE THAT WHEN SOMEONE DOES COMMIT , THEY NOTIFY SOMEONE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PLAN FOR SPACE AND THE NUMBER OF GUNS, ITS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS ARE NOTIFIED IF YOU DO PLAN TO ATTEND.

WE VOTED ON THE CALENDAR FOR 2013 THROUGH JULY 2013.

PLEASE REVIEW THE CALENDAR BELOW AND INFORM THE GHP AND FIRST SERGEANT IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

THE WEBSITE IS UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS AS WELL.

[WWW.WASHINGTONARTILLERY.INFO](http://WWW.WASHINGTONARTILLERY.INFO)

OR REPORT FROM THE TREASURER INFORMED US THAT WE BROKE EVEN FOR 2012. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT BUILDING OUR MEMBERSHIP AND REVENUE FOR 2013.

## E L E C T I O N R E S U L T S – N E W O F F I C E R S

**GHP**– MICHAEL COLLINS

**FIRST SERGEANTS**– DOUG CARROLL

**GUN SERGEANTS—CHRIS RICKER**

**CORPORALS—RICK PRICE**

ALFREDO TORRES

**PROVOST—MICHAEL COLLINS**

**NEWSLETTER - MARITZA TORRES**

**SECRETARY— JANET DENUBILO**

**TREASURER— PAUL DENUBILO**

**COMMISSARY— DOUG CARROLL**

**A M E S S A G E F R O M T H E G H P**



**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE WASHINGTON ARTILLERY,**

**THIS BEING MY FIRST LETTER TO YOU ALL AS YOUR GHP, I WANT TO THANK THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THOSE FEW EVENTS WE'VE HAD SO FAR. I KNOW THAT THE ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT HAVE PREVENTED MANY OF YOU FROM ATTENDING AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE, MYSELF INCLUDED.**

**THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I NEED TO SOUND OFF ABOUT. THE FIRST IS COMMUNICATION. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A THORN. CASE IN POINT, I RECENTLY SENT AN EMAIL ASKING ABOUT ATTENDANCE AND THE SENDING A GUN TO THE FT. TEJON INVITATIONAL. I RECEIVED A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) RESPONSES OUT OF THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER I SENT THE MESSAGE TO. IF YOU CAN TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE MESSAGE, PLEASE SEND A QUICK YEA OR NAY. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PLAN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING FOR.**

**THE OTHER ISSUE IS TAKING CARE OF CLUB GEAR. WE'VE SPENT FAR TOO MUCH OF OUR CASH RESERVES REPAIRING OR REPLACING GEAR THAT GETS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED OR GOES "WALK-ABOUT" FOR WHATEVER REASON. PLEASE TAKE THE FEW EXTRA SECONDS TO MAKE SURE IF YOU GOT IT OUT THAT YOU PUT IT BACK. OR IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, PLEASE REPORT IT. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN**

**LASTLY, I HAVE HAD LITTLE TO NO LUCK FINDING OUT ABOUT A GUN SLOT FOR HUNTINGTON BEACH. I KNOW THAT A FEW MEMBERS HAVE SAID THEY WERE GOING AND FALLING IN WITH GARY WEAR. ALSO, LAS VEGAS IS COMING UP SHORTLY AND, ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT CAN BE A STRAIN, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND PHYSICALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US PUT A LARGE EFFORT INTO THIS AS WE'VE BEEN THE ONLY ARTILLERY THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.**

**YOUR (OCCASIONALLY BARKING AND PREACHING ) G.H.P,**

**MIKE**

**M E S S A G E F R O M G U N S G T . C H R I S R I C K E R**

**FROM PRADO, APRIL 2013**

AFTER ACTION REPORT.

WHILE ARRIVING LATE ON FRIDAY I HAD FOUND THAT CAMPS WERE BEING SET UP EVERYWHERE. I FOUND OUR CAMP NESTLED UNDER SOME NICE LARGE SHADE TREES FOR THE WEEK END. ONCE CAMP WAS SET AND COMMAND WAS SET, WE ADVENTURED TO THE MESS HALL FOR SUPPER. THE EVENING WAS LONG AND COLD WONDERING WHO WOULD FIRE THE FIRST SHOTS. WE DID REST WELL THOUGH.

THE FIRST DAY FINALLY COME WITH THE BREAK OF DAWN AND A HEAVY DEW. THERE WAS A CALM IN THE AIR, ONLY TO BE BROKEN BY THE SOUND OF CHOPPING WOOD FOR THE MORNING MEALS TO BE PREPARED. THE COFFEE WAS GOOD WITH NO GROUNDS.

THE FIRST DAYS BATTLES WENT OFF AS PLANNED WITH SEVEN CANNONS TO DEFEND OUR HILL AND CAUSALITIES WERE NUMEROUS BUT WE STOOD FAST. WITH MIKE COLLINS AS OUR MAJOR AND I AS 1ST. SGT. WE STOOD OUR GROUND AND BATTLED WELL. AS THE EVENING FELL WE FELL BACK TO OUR CAMPS WITH OUR WOUNDED TO PATCH AND PREPARE FOR THE NEXT DAY.

WITH ALL IN CAMP WE SAT DOWN TO A MEAL FIT FOR A KING OF SMOKED BRISKET, POTATOES AND ASPARAGUS. WE SETTLED IN AROUND THE NIGHT'S FIRES WITH FULL BELLIES AND DRINKS AND TALK OF HOME. THE NIGHTS ARE WAS COLD AND DAMP.

ON THE SECOND DAY OF BATTLE I WOKE AT 5:30 TO FIND I COULD NOT SEE THE CANNONS IN THE FIELD FOR THEY WERE COVERED WITH A HEAVY FOG THAT FILLED THE ENTIRE VALLEY. THIS FOG BURNED OFF LATE IN THE MORNING. THE MORNING MEAL WAS LIGHT WITH COFFEE, EGGS AND BEACON FOUND AT A NEAR BY ROOT CELLAR.

WE WERE READY FOR BATTLE IN A FLASH AS NEEDED. WE BATTLED TWICE THIS DAY ENDING WITH A BARRAGE OF CONTINUOUS FIRE, WE FIRED UNTIL SUPPLIES WERE EXHAUSTED TO AID IN PICKETT'S CHARGE TO PUSH THE UNION BACK. WE WERE FORCED TO RETIRE THE GUNS AND THE DAY WAS LOST AS WELL AS PICKETT'S MEN. THEY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN FOR WHAT THEY STOOD FOR.

OUR UNIT WAS ORDER TO PULL OUT AND READY FOR A NEW BATTLE IN A TOWN CALLED COSTA MESA.

UNTIL THEN,

YOURS TRULY, 1ST. SGT. CHRIS RICKER

WASHINGTON ARTILLERY

## T R E A S U R E R R E P O R T

PER THE LATEST REPORT,

CURRENT BALANCE TO THE UNIT IS \$4061.77 THIS INCLUDES A PROFIT OF \$721, ACQUIRED MOSTLY FROM DUES AND ST. CATHERINE'S.

## 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BELOW IS A LIST OF THE EVENTS THAT HAVE PASSED AS WELL AS THOSE TO COME.

PLEASE REFER TO THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON THE ACWS WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE INFORM THE GHP SO THAT EVENTS CAN BE PLANNED OUT.

ALSO, REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES.

LIVE FIRE—EL CENTRO, CA	1/19-1/20
VENTURA HARBOR—TALL SHIPS	2/3/2/4
SANTA BARBARA GUN SHOW—SANTA BARBARA, CA	2/9 –2/10
CALICO—CALICO GHOST TOWN	2/16-2/18
MOONEY GROVE—VISALIA CA	3/2-3/3
ST. CATHERINE’S MILITARY ACADEMY , ANAHEIM, CA	3/16 3/17
PRADO—CHINO HILLS, CA	4/6—4/7
FT MACARTHUR	7/13 – 7/14
DRUM BARRACKS	9/21-9/22
BATTLE OF THE OLD WOMAN’S GUN	10/12 -10/13
FAMILY FALL DANCE- WOODLAND HILLS	
SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH	10/26-10/27
DRUM BARRACKS CHRISTMAS THEME	12/7-12/8