



Fort Tejon Historical Association

A D J U T A N T ' S J O U R N A L

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 15-16—Civil War encampment at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum, Simi Valley, CA
- Feb. 15-16—Calico Civil War re-enactment, Yermo
- March 1—Dragoons Living History and SLPH parent/teacher training at fort
- March 8-9—Vista Civil War re-enactment
- March 16—FTHA board meeting at Los Encinos SHP— 11am

BATTLEDRUM PLAY

Battledrum is set during the Civil War. Doug Cooney's play focuses on the three young drummer boys—Rufus, a Kentucky war orphan pressed into service with the Union army, Jackson, sold into service by his parents in New York for \$13 and George Washington, a slave who got lost on the Underground Railroad. The journey of the

play depicts the lives of young boys (often as young as 10 or 11) who served as drummer boys during this bloodiest episode of American History. This lively, engaging, action packed play with original songs explores themes of courage, brotherhood and patriotism - and the stirring legacy of children's service in war time.

West Coast premiere - a Civil War historian will be hosting a post-show after every performance.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Dearest Friends and Members,

2014 certainly began with positive energy as we welcomed and trained a small group of new volunteers at Fort Tejon on January 18th followed by the 150th Anniversary of 2nd Infantry Regiment, California Volunteers ("2nd Cal" event). A great big heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the participants and volunteers who, despite the bitter cold, made the event a great success and fun for all.

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes and check out the Events page on our website (www.forttejon.org). I would like to bring to your attention that the Invitational this year is scheduled to be held on May 31 – June 1, 2014 and not in August.

After a decade of selfless servitude as your Treasurer, Mike Presswood has passed the baton to Dee Bosley as the new FTHA Treasurer. Dee comes to us with years of extensive experience and innovative ideas for the betterment of Fort Tejon and FTHA's longevity.

Remember, 2014 membership applications are available on our website.

It is an honor to serve you and our beloved Fort Tejon.

I remain yours,
Karina Mooradian
FTHA President



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MEDAL OF HONOR

Mary Edwards Walker (November 26, 1832 - February 21, 1919) was an American feminist, abolitionist, prohibitionist, alleged spy, prisoner of war and surgeon. She is currently the only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor.

Prior to the American Civil War she earned her medical degree, married and started a medical practice. The practice did not do well and she volunteered with the Union army at outbreak of the Civil War and served as a surgeon. She was captured by Confederate forces after crossing enemy lines to treat wounded civilians and arrested as a spy. She was sent as a prisoner of war to Richmond, Virginia until released in a prisoner exchange.

At the conclusion of the Civil War, Walker was recommended for the Medal of Honor by Generals William Tecumseh Sherman and George Henry Thomas. On November 11, 1865, President Andrew Johnson signed a bill to present Walker with the medal for her efforts during the Civil War. She is the only woman to receive the medal and one of only eight civilians to receive it. Her name was deleted from the army Medal of Honor roll in 1917 and restored in 1977. After the war, she was a writer and lecturer supporting the women's suffrage movement until her death in 1919.



97th Ohio soldier writes home to his love from Nashville Hospital No.12 (1863)

Hospital No. 12, Nashville, Tenn.

May 7th 1863

Dear Maggie!

Once more with great pleasure I embrace a few moments to write you a short letter. I wrote to you a short time since and shortly after I started mine I received a very kind letter from you. It seems that all our letters pass each other on the road. "speck" they say "How do you do" or make use of some familiar phrase.

Wish the writers could meet as often as their letters do. strange wish, "ain't" it. and not very strange neither. You know we can't refrain from wishing, but I wish that our wishes could come to pass. Oh! Maggie! I have written so often to you that I expect you are getting wearied reading my disinterested letters. but let me assure you it is not so with me. Your letters are received by me with the greatest pleasure, and a beating heart always waits a reply. I have written a good many letters to other girls. Letters of friendship, but those I write to you. I want you to receive them for more than mere friendship. For let me say that your memory is ever dear to me and if we never again meet on Earth I shall ever Cherish the fond remembrance of Thee, and think of the pleasant hours passed in your society, but let me indulge the hope that we may again meet ere long.

I

I

cannot yet see much sign of the war Closing but I always try to hope for the Best.

Now dont forget to write often. I will pledge myself to answer Your letters immediately on their reception if you will do the same aint that fair?

Well goodbye Dear Maggie hoping to hear from you soon.

am every Yours
sincerely
Henry
farewell oh no it cannot be
Direct as before

Ladies Corner

Sweet Soufflé

Thicken a stiff paste over the stove, one pint of mil, with sifted flour; stir while heating; add the well beaten yolks of six eggs, a pinch of salt, and sugar to sweeten. Beat the whites of eight eggs to a froth; stir into the mixture. Bake in a quick oven fifteen minutes. Glaze with finely powdered sugar, and send to the table quickly as it will soon fall. Ground rice may be used instead of flour, and lemon-juice or grated lemon-peel used for flavoring.

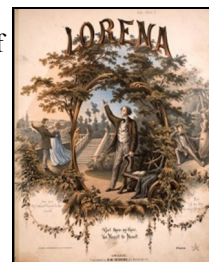
Love Cakes

Three eggs, five ounces of sugar, six ounces of flour, salt, mace, or rose water, to be dropped, and sugar sprinkled on before baking. In cake making every article employed therein should be ready one hour previous to their being wanted, and should be placed before the fire or upon a stove, that they may become gently heated, without which no good cakes can be produced. Cakes keep best in tin canisters; wooden boxes, unless well sea-

soned, are apt to give them a disagreeable taste; brown paper should be avoided for the same reason.

Sweet Pudding Sauce

Mix with half a pint of melted butter two dessert spoon-fuls of pounded loaf-sugar (with our without wineglass of sherry), make it quite hot, and pour it over and around the puddings when they are turned out into the dish.



VALENTINE'S DAY



Throughout the Civil War, Valentine's Day found many people separated from their loved ones. Letters and cards were a common means of communication and valentine cards were popular. Since valentines began to be mass produced during the 1840s, they had become more affordable to the general public and, during the Civil War, the cards could cost as little as a penny. The cards were both sentimental and comic. The sentimental cards, created to be purchased individually and only sent to someone special, were more expensive than the comic cards, which could be sent to anyone.

Valentine's Day cards were at their peak of popularity before and during the Civil War. Each of the Harper's Weekly editions for Valentine's Day week throughout the Civil War included advertisements for valentines and full-page illustrations.

MY LOVE

'Mid bugle's blast
and cannon's roar,
And 'mid the
battles angry
flame;
'Mid clashing
sabres red with
gore,
I fondly breathe

they much-loved
name.
I feel thee near at
dead of night,
When I my vigil
lone am keeping--
Thy image guards
me, angel bright,
In dreams when
wearied I am

sleeping,
Each northward
wind wafts on its
breath,
To thee a yearning
kiss of mine--
On glory's field or
bed of death,
I live or die thy
Valentine.



Memories of Second Cal 2014



In the Officer's House dining room, Miss Judy Kimball creates spool dolls each with their own personality.



Hardy land surveyors from Fresno camped out in bone chilling (25 degree) temperatures.

Second California Infantry Volunteers take a short break after delivering fire wood to the Officer's House kitchen, dining room and



What's cooking? Paul and Winifred Jordan peeled apples for the delicious apple pie baked over hot coals in a Dutch oven. The apple peels did not go to waste—the Dominique chickens savored every



Telegraph operator, William Wenda was arrested and detained on Saturday by soldiers



Second California Volunteers rally around the flag pole on the parade grounds for morning drills on Saturday. Soldiers were led by Captain J. Schmidt (Heath Hammond), 1st Lt. John E. Hill (Perry Scofield) and 1st Sgt. Curtis Greenleaf (Michael Bogert).



Mrs. Schmidt (Karina Mooradian) served up her hearty Shepard's Pie to her husband Captain John Schmidt and guest



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Adjutant's Journal

EDITOR'S NOTES

Kind Readers,

Second Cal 2014 was a blast this year. Judy and I made spool dolls that will be on sale in the Post Store. The Post Store will reopen on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Thank you Karen for the love you put into making spool dolls with us.

Dee and I would like to invite everyone to join us on February 15 -16 at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum for the Civil War encampment in Simi Valley. We will be serving tea in the gazebo with Miss Karina and Miss Judy. All indoor and outdoor exhibits will be open and Mr. Lincoln will present the Gettysburg Address. For more information go to www.simihistory.com.

Your humble servants,

Dee and Linda Bosley

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B I T S A N D P I E C E S

The Student Living History Program is gearing up for the 2014 season. The first schools will arrive the week of March 20, 2014. 4th, 5th and 8th grade students will experience a full immersion into life at Fort Tejon in the 1850's. Activities will include adobe brick making as well as stints working at the laundry shed and candle making .

There are still a few slots open for the 2014 Spring season that ends in June. Please contact Mike Deagon or John Claggett at (661) 248-7001 - Fort Tejon State Parks office—for more information about bringing a school group to the fort.

The FTHA is once again sponsoring the Bus Scholarship program. Bus scholarships are available

for transportation to Fort Tejon (up to \$900).

