



Fort Tejon Historical Association

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

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 2-3, 2013—2nd California Living History Program at fort
- Feb. 3, 2013—Board meeting at fort—2pm
- Feb. 16-18, 2013 Civil War week-end at Calico
- March 2, 2013—Dragoon Living History at fort

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2013 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

At the January 5, 2013 board meeting, member ballots were counted during executive session by the Election Committee. The following FTHA members have been elected to the board:

- Linda Bosley
- Larry Kelsey
- Disa Mata
- Bob Zaricor

During the New Business portion of the board meeting, the 2013 board positions were determined by the new board.

President—Steve Mata

Chair—Linda Bosley

Treasurer—Mike Presswood

Executive Secretary—John Billinger

Membership—Jill Billinger

AJ—Judy Kimball/Linda Bosley

CWP—Larry Kelsey/Bob Zaricor

PR—Karina Mooradian

Post Store—Linda Bosley

Fundraising—Karina Mooradian

Spring Invitational—Lana Bailey

Insurance—Mike Presswood

The next FTHA board meeting will take place on Sun-

day, February 3, 2013 (2 pm) at Fort Tejon. Current FTHA members are always welcome to attend board meetings. FTHA members that wish to address the board during a meeting must submit their request and topic to Board Chair, Linda Bosley, at barbielover6@sbcglobal.net before February 1, 2013 to



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

Fellow members, Happy New Year and Greetings,

2013 is now upon us and I hope it brings all of us a great new year ahead. I wish to welcome aboard the newly elected members to the board. You will see a full report on the election here in the AJ.

We are working very hard to bring the Invitational together this year. We don't have the closure of the park looming over our heads for this year, but we are not off the chopping block as of yet.

Look for the calendar of events in this AJ and online. Several events will be going on

at the fort. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again. As always, you are more than welcome to ask me any questions about your FTHA.

Steve Mata

FTHA President



SECOND CALIFORNIA LIVING HISTORY EVENT

FTHA members are invited to participate in the Second California Living History Event on February 2-3, 2013. This event commemorates the garrison and civilian community of Fort Tejon during the Civil War.

The year will be 1864. Participants will include Federal soldiers posted at the fort, and civilians demonstrating hands-on interpretive learning displays. The interpretive

program that weekend will be open to the public and will demonstrate the duties and activities of the civilians and soldiers that were at this mountain post.

FTHA members who are weekend participants will be provided with dinner on Friday and Saturday and some other meals. Members can stay over for the event with soldiers sleeping in the barracks and civilians

camping out in the Officer's quarters. Participants not wishing to rough it can book lodgings at local inns that include Motel 6 and Holiday Inn Express in Frazier Park.

Please contact Mike Deagon and John Harmon at (661) 248-6692 or via email at Secc0hsj5@aol.com to register for the Second California Living History Event.



Barracks at Fort Tejon
December 2012

Q: What famous Northern figure said, "I failed, I failed, and that is about all that can be said about it"?

A: Abraham Lincoln used these self-critical words to dismiss his Gettysburg Address moments after delivering it.

Help Rebuild Fort Tejon

FTHA is reaching out to members looking for an individual(s) to coordinate volunteers for repair and building projects in 2013.

The project coordinator would enlist the assistance of members to work one day a month - second Saturday or Sunday on small scale building and repair

projects that the FTHA has purchased supplies for.

Members with construction, general contracting or handyman experience are desirable. However, anyone with organizational skills and willingness to put together a work party is encouraged to respond.

The FTHA also needs vol-

unteers to be a part of the repair and rebuilding work parties.

All coordinator prospects or work party members can contact the AJ editor, Linda Bosley at barbielover6@sbcglobal.net.



Electronics help needed

The FTHA has purchased an updated sound system for Fort Tejon. The sound system is used extensively during the Student Living History Program and Civil War Programs.

Members with electronics

experience are needed to donate their time to assist with set up of equipment—laptop, MP3 player, microphone and speakers.

Please contact John Harmon at Secc0hsj5@aol.com with

questions or if you are interested in helping the FTHA get the new sound system up and running before the 2013 season begins in the Spring.



Ladies' Corner

JANUARY RECIPES

POTATOES À LA DUCHESSE.

Take cold mashed potatoes that are nicely seasoned with salt and pepper, form into little round cakes, put them on a tin, glaze over with beaten egg and brown in the oven. Arrange on a platter, garnish with parsley and serve.

BOUQUET OF SWEET HERBS.

Two sprigs of parsley, two bay leaves, two sprigs of thyme, two of summer savory and two of sage. Tie the dried herbs with the parsley. Nice for seasoning soups and stews.

BOILED POTATO DUMPLINGS.

Grate several potatoes, add salt to taste, a little nutmeg, one egg and some bread crumbs browned in butter, a little flour and milk, add enough flour and milk so as to handle and make in balls. Drop into boiling salt water. When done brown some bread crumbs in butter and put over dumplings when on platter.

BOSTON BROWN BREAD

One pint of rye flour, one quart of corn meal, one teacupful of Graham flour, all fresh; half a teacupful of molasses or brown sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, and two-thirds of a teacupful of home-made

yeast. Mix into as stiff a dough as can be stirred with a spoon, using warm water for wetting. Let it rise several hours, or over night; in the morning, or when light, add a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a spoonful of warm water; beat it well and turn it into well-greased, deep bread-pans, and let it rise again. Bake in a _moderate_ oven from three to four hours.



PATTERN FOR A LADY'S WRAPPER.

This wrapper pattern possesses peculiar advantages in its simplicity and adaptation to any figure—the back and front being exactly alike, and the only alteration necessary being in the size of the neck. It can be made of any material, perfectly plain, or very richly trimmed. It does not require the aid of the dressmaker, as any lady can make and trim a dress for herself. Cashmere trimmed with velvet, lawn with ruffles, or white material with flouncing, look equally well. Plain chintz, with puffs of the same. The connecting seam is on the shoulder. The waist should have a string run in the hem to make it fit smoothly.



Women were attached to the Union army as nurses, laundresses and stewardesses. Most were active primarily when troops were in camp, although some nurses followed the soldiers to the front. Hard-working laundresses with the 31st Pennsylvania performed duties while simultaneously managing children and pets.

Sailor's Poem

To M.C.F.
By B.H.

Watching, watching for
his native shore,
The sailor gazes wearily
To where the long light
trembles o'er
The billows of the sun-
set sea,
The lonely, western sea.

Slowly, steadily, all the
long night,
The waves move on with

tireless feet;
The sleeper roves in a
land of light.
And hears no more
their ceaseless beat,
Their solemn, pulseline
beat.

Dreaming, he roams in
his own green land,
With friends (perhaps
with one more dear)
He mingles now with
the household band,
And well-known voice

greet his ear,
The same he used to
hear.

Often at evening's ten-
der hour,
Like the sailor boy on
the sea,
My soul is drawn by
some strange, deep
power,
And I wonder away to
thee,
Linger, unseen, by thee.





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EDITORS' NOTES

Kind Readers,

Happy New Year to all! If you know a FTHA member that is not receiving their AJ via email or hard copy (extra charge with membership), please take a moment to drop me a line.

The 2013 membership forms are currently available at the FTHA website—Forttejon.org. Full memberships are \$30 for individuals and \$40.00 for families. \$5.00 supporting memberships can be renewed on the website and will insure that you continue to receive your monthly AJ.

Your humble servants,

Judy Kimball and Linda Bosley

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December 2012 volunteer training

On December 1, 2012, the State of California conducted a volunteer training day for FTHA members that participate in the interpretive programs during Dragoon Living History Days. Dragoon Days are held the first Saturday of each month at the fort.

Approximately 20 volunteers attended a seminar conducted by Steve Ptomey, State Park Interpreter from Allensworth State Historic Park. Mr. Ptomey reviewed state parks volunteer

requirements, expectations and goals. Volunteers are expected to present accurate, compelling and historical information that pays tribute to the contributions of the 1st U.S. Dragoons stationed at Fort Tejon during the mid 1800's.

Volunteers viewed a Powerpoint and were provided with written materials and handbook titled, "Fort Tejon State Historic Park, A Short Interpretative History."

Volunteers reviewed the

interpretive stations and tasks performed at each station. Stations included the blacksmith shop, carpenter's shop, kitchen, laundry and candle making. Finally, volunteers were fingerprinted by a Live Scan technician.

At the conclusion of the training, volunteers were treated to lunch prepared in the Officer's kitchen. State Park Superintendent, Steven Bylin is planning another volunteer training session in the Spring.