



# Fort Tejon Historical Association

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 13-14—Fort MacArthur Days in San Pedro
- July 20—FTHA board meeting at Los Encinos SHP at 11 am
- August 3—Dragoon Living History at fort
- August 10—Volunteer work day at fort
- August 17-18—August Invitational at fort

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

Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the 4th of July, no matter where you were. Some of us were at the fort and some were at some place in Pennsylvania called Gettysburg. However you spent the Nation's birthday I hope it was enjoyable.

For those of you coming to the Fort Mac Arthur event, make sure you stop by the FTHA/Fort Tejon SHP display and say hi. Fort Mac is a great event to show off your impressions that there is no large following in California.

August will soon be upon us and the Invitational will be one of the best ones we have ever put on. Make sure if you're only going to

make one event to the fort this year, the 30th annual anniversary FTHA Invitational is the one. Come to where reenacting on the west coast started.

Everything from WWII, Revolutionary War to Viking and Ren-Fairs came out of the people that were reenacting Civil War at Fort Tejon.

In September, we will be holding our first Fort Tejon time line event. We are looking for impressions that fit the time of 1830 to 1930 at the fort. We have Dragoon and Civil War periods covered but we need, 1870-80 California National Guard and ranchers for the entire period. Hoping for a 1900 to 1930s car or truck. We have some WWI-WWII types for

that time period. Does anyone want to be Peter LeBec? Here's your chance to do the impression that you never get to do and do it at the fort!!

If you made the journey to Gettysburg or to the park on the 4th, have a safe trip home and will be looking for you at Fort Mac in July and at the FTHA Invitational in August!!!

Steve Mata  
FTHA PRESIDENT



### A u g u s t   I n v i t a t i o n a l

The annual FTHA August Invitational will take place August 17-18, 2013 at Fort Tejon. Civil War re-enactors—military and civilian can begin setting up camp on Friday, August 16th. There will be no day pass fee for this event. However, non FTHA member participants are required to complete a waiver form. FTHA members

must have their current membership card with them.

The schedule for Saturday, August 17th will include a swap meet in the morning, FTHA board meeting at 11am, pay call and mail call for the troops. Soldiers will be able to spend their wages at the Post Store late Saturday afternoon

or Saturday evening when the FTHA will host games of chance and refreshments in the carpenter's shop.

Sunday battles will take place at 10am and 1pm with the public in attendance. Contact Larry Kelsey or Bob Zaicor, CWP directors via FTHA website with questions or concerns.

## A LETTER FROM GETTYSBURG

*Letter written to his parents by Philip D. Connelly who was also in Company G, 142d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, along with his brother James D. Connelly, informing them of James' death at Gettysburg.*

**Gettysburg**  
**July the 8th 1863**

Dearest Mother and Father

I take the first opportunity of informing you that we have had a hard fight hear at gettysburg and I beg you not to take the (??) for the los of your son. I have the afful statement to make in this letter and (illegible lines here) killed on July the first. He died very easy. I suppose that it was God's will. He always judges for the best and I think that he has gon happy. I could not get back on the battel grounds to get him or els I would have sent him home. We have but once to die and when the lord calls wemus go to our long home (in) heaven. I have but one thing to comfort me that I hope he died happy and had not to suffer as some poor fellows had to and I trust to god that he rests now in the Kingdom of heaven and has to no longer suffer the hardships of a soldiers life. I is hard to lose a neer and dear friend but one can not expect to allways be together. We must part onst and when our turn comes we must take it with the rest. We have but one thing, to trust in god and we will (be) saved. My nearest and dearest parents I will let you know that Josiah and me is yet saved and trust to god that this cruel war will soon be over. I will close hoping to meet you all sune again if not on earth we may in heaven good by dear parents.

From your son  
Philip D. Connelly

Do not forget to write soon for I am anctious to here from you all.  
I will let you know that there is four of our company left yet that was in the fight and the rebs have (lost?) again.

## Gettysburg Quiz

Thousands of Americans gathered at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania the first week of July to commemorate the battle that took place there in 150 years ago. Test your knowledge of this significant Civil War battle below—answer on last page of AJ.

1. What general led the Union Army in the Battle of Gettysburg?

- a. General Ulysses S. Grant
- b. General George Meade
- c. General Sherman

2. What was the Gettysburg Address?

- a. A speech given by President Abraham Lincoln after the battle.
- b. The house where Mr. Gettysburg lived.
- c. Something Robert E. Lee said before the battle.

3. How long did the Battle of Gettysburg last?

- a. Three months
- b. Six days
- c. Three days

4 What year was the battle fought?

- a. 1861
- b. 1865
- c. 1863

5. Which statement is true about the Battle of Gettysburg?

- a. It was the final battle of the Civil War.
- b. It was the deadliest battle of the Civil War.
- c. The South won a decisive victory.

6. In which US state was the battle fought?

- a. Virginia
- b. Pennsylvania
- c. Maryland

7. Around how many soldiers (total from both sides) fought in the Battle of Gettysburg?

- a. 46,000
- b. 11,000
- c. 166,000

8. On the last day of the battle, Robert E. Lee sent one of his generals to attack the center of the Union army. What was the name of this famous attack?

- a. Pickett's Charge
- b. Charge of the Light Brigade
- c. Lee's Folly



# Ladies' Corner

## PENNSYLVANIA PUDDING

1 pint milk  
1 tbs. washed, raw rice  
1/2 c. raisins  
sugar to taste  
Dash salt  
Sprinkling of nutmeg

Mix all together and put it in to bake [probably around 350 degrees]. Stir it up after it has skinned over four times, mixing up raisins and rice with the milk each time. Let it bake until the rice is cooked. Serve cold, with cream and sugar.

## SAUSAGE CAKES

1 lb. pork  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tbs. cloves  
1/2 tbs. coriander seed  
4 tbs. cold water

Note: The modern cook might want to reduce the amount of coriander somewhat and substitute a teaspoon or so of sage, and possibly some salt. Up to you, of course.

Chop a pound of good pork, fine. add half a teaspoonful of pepper, half a spoonful of cloves, half a spoonful of

coriander seed, and four tablespoonfuls of cold water, Mix all well together, form them into small cakes, and fry in a hot pan.

## RASPBERRY JAM

Weigh the fruit, and add three quarters of the weight of sugar; put the former into a preserving pan, boil, and break it; stir constantly, and let it boil very quickly; when the juice has boiled an hour, add the sugar, and simmer half an hour. In this way the jam is superior in color and flavor to that which is made by putting the sugar in at first.

## Gettysburg Mourns By: Paul Harris

Once the drum rolls echoed here And bugles sharp call cut the air The devil had his way again When good men fought good men  Pastures green once sewed with seed Now the stage for evil deeds Canon shot has scarred the	land Another touch of the devils hand  Some say ghosts still walk the fields Of Gettysburg and always will Like sentries from another time Walking still their picket lines  The soldier says don't	weep for me My fears and pain are now at peace The drums and bugles call no more Long ago I walked through heaven's door  But Gettysburg will not forget When the young men came in war And deep beneath her soil Gettysburg still mourns
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Ginnie Wade

## ONE WOMAN'S STORY - GETTYSBURG

Mary Virginia "Ginnie" Wade (May 21, 1843 – July 3, 1863), a seamstress, was the only Gettysburg civilian killed directly during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Wade, her mother, and two younger brothers left their home in central Gettysburg and traveled to the house of her sister, Georgia Anna Wade McClellan at 528 Baltimore Street to assist her and her newborn child. It was July 1, 1863, during the first day's fighting of the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 150 bullets hit the McClellan house during the fighting.

About 8:30 a.m. on July 3, Wade was kneading dough for bread when a Minié ball traveled through the kitchen door of her sister's house and hit her. It pierced her left shoulder blade, went through her heart, and ended up in her corset. She was killed instantly. While it is uncertain which side fired the fatal shot, some authors have attributed it to an unknown Confederate sharpshooter.

Shortly afterward, three Union soldiers discovered the body and told the rest of the family. They temporarily buried Wade's body in the back yard of the McClellan house, in a coffin originally intended for a Confederate officer. In January 1864, her body was relocated to the cemetery of the German Reformed Church on Stratton Street. On July 4, her mother baked 15 loaves of bread with the dough Wade had kneaded.

## June Civil War Program

The June Civil War Reenactment went off without a hitch. The spectator attendance was tolerable and there were about 40 Re-enactors present over the weekend. The Confederates began showing up on Friday night and Kelsey was there to help them get settled in. The Post Store was open both days and did well. Among the Confederate Units that were represented were the ever faithful "Richmond Howitzers" and their field piece, The 3rd Georgia Infantry, and the 2nd Florida Infantry were also in attendance. The Union was proudly represented by the "Cal 100" Cavalry, the 4th U.S. Infantry and the 1st U.S. Artillery.

The Sunday battles took place at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM in front of a good gathering of spectators. The battles were well executed and enjoyed by the viewers and participants alike. The Command Staff of both Armies' did well in controlling the event on the field. The only problem was that the Union Staff was missing their Command Tent and had to take refuge in the shade of the Ranger Station. All in all it was a great day and we all had the opportunity to sweat a little. It seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves, myself included. I want to thank the units that attended and made the event successful and hope to see them back in August.

Your Obedient Servant,  
Bob Zaricor  
Pvt., Company A, 2nd Massachusetts Volunteer Calvary

July 4th Dragoons  
Living History  
demonstration



## Union Commander's Update

Call to arms!!!

All Passes are canceled, report to your units at Fort Tejon Station!!

Gentlemen, the 30th annual August Invitational is almost upon us!! Large forces or Rebels are converging on Fort Tejon Station!!

We will meet them and stop them in their tracks!!! Ready you trappings and polish your brass. We are Union Men, not the rabble that we face!!!

Battalion Commanders, brush up on your commands, you will be commanding larger forces than usual. Make sure you have plenty of ammunition drawn from the Ordinance department and the men have new shoes, we will march in August!!!!

Col. S. Mata  
Dept. of the Pacific  
Ft. Tejon Station  
COMMANDING







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**Adjutant's Journal**

**EDITORS' NOTES**

Kind Readers,

July 4th is one of my favorite holidays of the year. Fort Tejon celebrated our nation's independence with old fashioned games—pie eating, sack races, egg toss, tug of war and a rousing game of rounders. Local families picnicked under the shady oak trees and stood proudly as the park staff and volunteers gave a 31 cannon salute with the new sector superintendent, Steve Ptomey, sharing the names of each state of the union in 1856.

There are new and familiar faces among the park staff. A warm welcome to new interpretative aide, John Clagett and interim sector superintendent, Steve Ptomey. Sean Malis has returned to the fort with the vigor and enthusiasm that I have come to know and admire.

The August Invitational is about a month away. Civil War Program directors, Bob Zaricor and Larry Kelsey have been working hard to make it a memorable event for re-enactors.

Your humble servant,

Linda Bosley

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**M E E T T H E F T H A B O A R D**



**John Billinger**

John Billinger is the executive secretary on the FTHA board of directors. In addition to participating in board business, John also records the monthly meeting minutes.

John has been a

member of the FTHA since 1991. John belongs to the Richmond Howitzers – a supporting artillery group to Fort Tejon since the 1990's. John observes, "The re-enacting hobby has changed at Fort Tejon over the last 10 years. In the future, the FTHA needs to expand the living history programs over other time periods such as Dragoons, civilians, Ladies Tea Party, Timeline event, Peter Lebec Day not just Civil War."

**Bob Zaricor**

Current board member, Bob Zaricor, joined the FTHA in 1983. He started re-enacting with the 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry and is now involved in the Second Massachusetts Cavalry and Dragoon program. In Bob's opinion the importance of the FTHA "is supporting the only military installation besides Drum Barracks in California" Bob states, "History is important and must be preserved"



**Answer to Gettysburg Quiz from page 2**

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| 1. b | 3. c | 5. b | 7. c |
| 2. a | 4. c | 6. b | 8. a |