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The Official Newsletter of the Washington Civil War Association

**Remember to Attend the
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
8:45 - 10:30
MARCH 11TH
At the
LIVING HISTORY CONFERENCE**

**FORT TOWNSEND
Living History Event**

*In association with the Port
Townsend Victorian Festival*

March 18-19, 2006



Soldiers stationed at Fort Townsend

Representatives from the Port Townsend Victorian Festival were in attendance at the 1st Annual Port Gamble Civil War Battle Re-enactment and Living His-

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Come One! Come All!

To the 7th Annual
WCWA General Membership Meeting,
Living History Conference
&
Family Ball
Saturday & Sunday March 11-12

HEAR STIMULATING
LECTURES ON CIVIL WAR
TOPICS

Participate in rousing
Round-Table Discussions
Eat a wonderful breakfast
and lunch for a very reasonable
fee, provided by the Fine Ladies
of the 4th US.

Purchase decadent desserts
and goodies to benefit the CSA
Civilian community

NEW THIS YEAR:

Reduced admission fees!

\$5.00 per person

\$10.00 per family group

Trade Blanket Sale—Bring
extra reenactment gear or CW
Period Items for sale or trade

Magic Lantern Show

There will be NO organized
potluck this year, but you are
welcome to have dinner on your
own or as a unit group, or just
bring your snacks and beverages
to the Ball.

**Remember: NO Hob Nails or Heel
Plates in the hall.**

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tory Event. They were impressed and as a result asked us to be a part of the 2006 10th Annual Victorian Festival in Port Townsend to present a living history event representing the old Fort Townsend. For more information regarding this festival please visit www.victorianfestival.org web page.

The original Fort Townsend: The location of Fort Townsend is south of Port Townsend. Fort Townsend no longer exists and the site of the fort is now part of the Washington State Parks.

Living History of Fort Townsend: Victorian Festival organizers have asked us to use Memorial Stadium located within downtown Port Townsend as the site for this living history event of Fort Townsend. Because the fort was occupied after the Civil War, the organizers desire this living history event to depict the presence of a US Army military fort. For this impression please be mindful to abide by the wishes of the VF organizers. Your cooperation is appreciated. All WCWA military (Artillery, Infantry, Navy, Marines, Hospital, etc.) and civilian members are invited to participate.

We have been asked to re-enact life at Fort Townsend during "public hours." There will be a schedule of events for the military portion of fort life. For WCWA civilians, opportunities abound as the event sponsors have informed us that there was a "store" situated at the original Fort Townsend site. The event sponsors will be providing some of their own re-enactors to represent Victorian musicians, the "Mayor" of Port Townsend, ladies & gentlemen of Port Townsend as visitors to the fort. WCWA Civilians are welcomed to participate alongside these re-enactors and/or create period scenarios. The general public will be paying admission to visit the fort during public hours to see "life" at Fort Townsend. Public hours are from: 11:30 am - 5:00 pm March 18 and 11:30- 3:00 pm March 19.

Victorian Ball Saturday evening: If you are interested in attending please check the Victorian Festival web site. There is an admission charge for the Ball.

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Living History ~ Conference Schedule ~

Saturday, March 11, 2006

- 8:00 – 8:45 A.M. Registration & Morning Social (Chilson Hall)
 8:45 – 10:30 **Annual General Membership Meeting** (Chilson Hall)
 10:30 – 11:00 **Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans & Sons of Union Veterans** Membership & Participation Opportunities
 11:00 – 11:50 **Teaching the Cause and Effects of the American Civil War** by *David Imburgia* (Chilson Hall)
So You Want To Be A Soldier...For Women Only by *Linda Wickler* (Chapel)
 12:00 – 12:50 Lunch Break with Round Table Discussions
- **VMI, Brian Curnutt**
 - **Etiquette 1860's style, Bonnie Starr**
 - **Defarbing your musket & pistol, Frank Starr**
- 1:00 – 1:50 P.M. **Mosby's 43rd Virginia Cavalry, History & Persona** by *Burke Nebeker* (Chilson Hall)
Corset Hints, The Do's & Don'ts by *Rachelle Hamaker* (Chapel)
 2:00 – 2:50 **Civil War Medicine** (Chilson Hall) by *Charlotte Martinelli & Lynette LeFrancis*
Fashion Show Savvy (Anyone wishing to participate in the Fashion Show at the Tacoma History Museum on June 10 is encouraged to attend) by *Bonnie Starr* (Chapel)
 3:00 – 3:50 **U.S. Marines, History & Impression** by *Lyle Gleason & TBA* (Chilson Hall)

- Hair Design & Techniques** by *Rachelle Hamaker* (Chapel)
 4:00 – 4:50 **Magic Lantern Presentation** (Chilson Hall) by *Ron Easterday*
 5:00 – 6:30 **Evening Preparation for Family Ball** (Dinner on your own; you are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages to the Ball)
 6:30 – 7:00 **Magic Lantern Show** by *Ron Easterday*
 7:00 – 11:00 **Annual WCWA Family Ball**

Sunday, March 12, 2006

- 8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Registration & Morning Social
 9:00 – 9:50 **Artillery, History Behind the Thunder** by *Court Fraley* (Chilson Hall)
 10:00 – 10:50 **Civilian/Period Camping 101...Getting Started** by *Bonnie Starr* (Chilson Hall)
 11:00 – 11:50 **Zouaves, History & Persona** by *Jean Paul Bordelon* (Chilson Hall)
 12:00 – 12:50 Lunch with Round Table Discussions
- **Children's Clothing, Bonnie Starr**
 - **Persona Development, Frank Starr**
 - **Defarbing your Camp, TBA**
- 1:00 – 1:50 **Berdan Sharpshooters, History & Persona** by *Derrick Sturgill* (Chilson Hall)
 1:50 – 3:00 **Feedback, cleanup, and event closure**
- Food will be available on-site by the Union Soldier's Aid Society & Confederate Civilian Bake Sale
- Childcare is not provided, but children are welcome with parental supervision.
- For Information or Questions contact: Frank "Rusty" Starr 425-743-9851.*

Directions to the Living History Conference at the Washington State Soldiers Home and Colony

From Puyallup junction of State Highways 161, 167, 410 and 512, take 410 East toward Enumclaw. Go two miles east on 410 to Highway 162. Turn south on 162. Go seven miles south on 162, to Orting.

At the stop light in Orting, turn right (west) on Calistoga Street. Go 1.3 miles on Calistoga Street and the Orting-Kapowsin Highway. Where the highway turns right (west), go straight on 162 Ave East. It is just a few feet to the main gate of the Soldier's Home.

Please enter the Soldier's Home Grounds at the second entrance, if it is open. Once you have entered the gate, proceed to the parking area.

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Camp setting: Memorial Stadium is used primarily as a football, soccer and baseball field. The field is mostly grass which works well for camping. Memorial Stadium has been reserved from Friday March 17 - Sunday, March 19. We are allowed to camp overnight. Setup of camp will begin on Friday, March 17, 2006, see schedule for time. Portable toilets will be provided at Memorial Stadium only. Please contact John Persinger or Howard Struve if you have any questions.

Campers will be allowed to unload in Memorial Stadium. There is a vehicle gate at the southwest corner of the stadium which will be open during non-public hours for loading/unloading only. Keep vehicles and trailers on designated drive aisles. Out of

courtesy for other campers, once your vehicle is unloaded please remove your vehicle to designated re-enactor parking area. Please do not leave your vehicle in Memorial Stadium overnight. Vehicles will be allowed in camp after 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 19. Out of respect for others, vehicles will not be allowed in camps from 8:00 am Saturday through 3:00 pm on Sunday.

If you need to leave early before the event is over or arrive during the event, please park your vehicles on Puget Way or View Drive to unload/load your gear and then remove your car to re-enactor parking. Please do not use the main gate to load/unload gear during Public hours; instead use the field door along the North side of the stadium. Please put all garbage in the designated containers provided by the event sponsors. Thank you.

Note for cavalry units: No horses are allowed inside Memorial Stadium this year.

Fire pits: Camp/cooking fires will be allowed only in designated areas & at the direction of the Union Commander. There will be NO camp/ cooking fires on the grass. Wood stoves are allowed.

Wood: The event organizers will NOT be providing wood for this event. Please bring enough wood for your needs. **Water:** Water is available at memorial stadium.

Registration: Will begin Saturday, March 18, 2006 at 8:00 am - 9:00 am. Registration will be located within Memorial Stadium. Please make sure that you register.

Re-enactor parking/modern camp: Modern camp is located within Port Townsend across the street from Memorial Stadium in the same area

as re-enactor parking. There is plenty of room for RV's. There will be no portable toilets provided in re-enactor parking/modern camp area. Please see the event map for parking and camping locations.

Recreational Vehicle camping: For those with RVs & campers, there is a RV camp site located adjacent to re-enactor parking/Modern Camp. Each RV site comes with full hookups. Sites are available on a first serve basis as it is open year-round. There is a \$25 per day fee per site. Please see the Port of Port Townsend map for location & information.

Amenities Information: Port Townsend, if you have never visited, is a quaint Victorian city located on the shore of Puget Sound. The main downtown core has managed to maintain much of its Victorian architecture. There are many boutiques, restaurants, specialty stores, antique shops, etc. for your shopping pleasure. Any food items, ice, etc. can be purchased at Safeway which is located approximately two miles south of Memorial Stadium. For more information on Port Townsend and its history, see the Port Townsend website at www.ptguide.com.

Lodging: Please check the Victorian Festival web site for more information. Click on the button labeled "Lodging". There is a button labeled "click here" if you are interested in motels, hostels, etc. type of lodging.



Confederate Civilian Bake Sale

The Confederate Civilians are selling fine baked goods for your enjoyment at the Living History Conference to support our hard fighting soldiers. We need customers and donations to help fill our coffers for the coming year for the purchase of lemonade and pickles. Please stop by on Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00 and Sunday while goodies last. If you would like to donate, please contact Linda Wickler: 360-387-3938 or blwickler@verizon.net.





FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

WCWA Board of Directors Meeting Notes

January 21, 2006

Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery Hall

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Brian Curnutt, Chair at 10:09.

II. Roll Call by Chair-Had Quorum

Administrative Board.

Brian Curnutt-Chair

Howard Struve-Vice Chair

Cindy Easterson-Treasurer

Sandy Burwell-Secretary

CS Battalion Commander-Rusty Starr

US Brigade Commander-John Persinger

CS Civilian Leader-Rachelle Hamaker-Absent

US Civilian Leader-Jennifer Gorder

Vice Chair-Gil Bridges had resigned-Howard Struve was appointed and approved for Vice Chair of WCWA by Administrative and General Board

Company Reports and Commander Reports

Federal

2nd U.S. Sharpshooters-New web page, newsletter started which is where civilians are emphasized.

20th Maine, Co. F-18 at winter drill, changes in command structure through promotions of soldiers.

28th Massachusetts-Toothbrushes donated to Soldiers Home in Orting

U.S.S. Tahoma-election of officers

U.S.S. Tahoma Marines-School Events at

Grace Academy, Marysville and Mad-

rona Middle School in Edmonds. Re-

-elected Andy Anderson-1st Lt. and Loren Womack to 1st Sgt. Harold was re-elected chair.

Confederate

7th Tennessee Infantry-club vote taken, commander the same, shake up in NCO.

21st North Carolina-updated club on health of Ken Harrison

26th North Carolina-Company Mtg. and drill coming up. Also reminded people of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson anniversaries.

Cobb's Batt., Kentucky Light Art.-

Reminder about the April 18-19.

Stanford's Batt. Of Miss./Bridge's Batt.

of Illinois-3 new guns-2 Limber and 1 caisson

Reports

Commanders

U.S.-John Persinger-Reminder that the school of the soldier-basic training reenactor mtg. would follow this C.S. Rusty Starr-No live shooting at marblemount due to insurance issue. Also that other options to live shooting would be in place instead. Reminder that cemetery work party would be after mtg. of WCWA.

Secretary's Report-Sandy Burwell, Minutes of Nov. mtg. were discussed.

Corrections were made to dates of school of the soldiers. Minutes approved and seconded

Treasurer's Report-Cindy Easterson, Cindy handed out profit and loss budget from Jan. to Dec. 2006. At that time total events/program was \$51,700. Bank account was at \$11,990.87. We had made \$657.24. \$4000 overage. Funds not accounted for were \$2400 merchandising. \$1600 left over-hopefully to carry over to next year. Projected Insurance cost \$1500.. Motion made to carry \$1,590 to 2006 and it was seconded. Discussion was held. Howard suggested helping with insurance cost. Also discussed was club's money donated outside of WCWA. About \$1,000 of WCWA money is donated and that same amount is allotted to next year budget. Budget \$70,504, \$9,000 goes to insurance, \$200-250 designated as insurance cost on each event, more if there is need of a rider on an event, Artillery and Pyrotechnics traditionally subsidized. Also spoke of events costs and carrying money over to next year's budget. It was stated that the budget is a fluid document although it reflects reality. Budget was approved for 2006.

Insurance-David Imburgia-David stated that more money was needed for insurance. There was no liability insurance for live fire so WCWA should prohibit live fire at events for insurance rea-

sons. It was discussed and approved to prohibit live fire at WCWA sponsored/sanctioned events The board feels that a statement in policy should be on record and in print that prohibits live fire at a WCWA events. This is to meet the requirements of our insurance policy. This statement will be sent to the safety committee. It will be a guideline for event coordinators and commanders may be asked to sign it. WCWA should also have in writing that members do not bring loaded modern weapons to events either. No lead on the field .. Put lead, black powder etc as displays only so the club's insurance will not be in jeopardy.

Event Planning/Activities

Conflict was found between Snohomish Klahoya Days, Rainier, and Ferndale due to event calendar. Rusty Starr brought up the concern that WCWA has 6 major events and for WCWA units to remain active they have to attend at least 50% of sanctioned events. Since Rainier was scheduled between Snohomish and Klahoya Days-July 22-23(WCWA paid \$2,000 but could earn up to \$5,000) and Ferndale Reenactment is August 12-13, Rainier being wedged between the others, turnout for the other events could be affected adversely. Discussion followed. 15th Alabama was willing to cancel Ferndale for 2006 if necessary since WCWA is hired for entertainment at the Klahoya Days, but would want it back on in 2007. More discussion followed stating pros and cons of each event. Motion to drop Rainier was made and seconded and it was voted on by the members. Decided to drop Rainier and keep Klahoya days and Ferndale on event schedule for 2006.

Break taken from 11:30-11:40

Website- dates for events of 2006 will be on the WCWA web page but to cover the club legally they will be labeled unofficial unless contract has all ready been signed and sanctioned by board. Link for merchandise will be made smaller, to make more room for other news of the club.

Living History-March 11-12 at Washington Soldiers Home in Orting.

Volunteer speakers all ready lined up. The Generalship mtg. will be on Saturday morning. The cost for event will be \$5.00 per individual and \$10.00 per family WCWA will sponsor this event. Motion made and seconded, voted on by

board and it was approved. A ball will be held Saturday night. The 4th US was asked if they would provide for sale breakfast, lunch, and snack items and drinks. Jennifer Gorder-4th US chair will bring the request to their mtg. on Jan. 29. Bonnie Starr said that tables will be available to members who would like to sell wares but that no silent auction will be held. this year. 10 tables are available, 2 per interested person. Contact Bonnie Starr.

Membership-Cindy stated that as of right now we have 168 members for 2006. After the meeting it was suggested that files be checked for cards but leave the files there.

Outreach/Publicity-Tim Shaw has stepped down from being chair of both committees so there was no new information. Discussion about old brochures of the club could be used as publicity and maybe getting the file from Tim Shaw to Linda Mount so we could update it/print new brochures and use them at events for publicity

Retail Store-Ernie-Tim has merchandise orders but needs a minimum before he can sent them in. Email is being worked on and communication was broken down for a while. A few items will be at the registration booth to sell.

Risk Committee-none

Suggested to have committees meet at 9:00 before General board mtg. in order to be able to share information quickly and efficiently with the general board. Discussed but ultimately it is up to the chair of each committee to connect with the committee members on a as need basis. Al;so Brian suggested we set up a WCWA risk committee but it was decided to only have one if needed.

New Business

All votes for elected positions would be publicized in the minutes and dispatch in order to better let people know who may be interested in position at another time. Discussion . Reason both winners and losers were not listed was to avoid hurt feelings. Will be revisited again next month.

Dispatch

A suggestion was made by Pete and John to change the deadline for membership to the end of Jan. instead of Dec. 31. It was discussed then Kevin made a motion that the deadline not be

changed; it was seconded so the deadline for membership WCWA remains the same. The dispatch cost is around \$300/\$400 per month. Kayla asked for more articles /content etc, since there was not enough filler material to publish a January Dispatch. Send things of interest to Kayla and she will publish them in the next Dispatch.

Good of the order

•Work projects will be held after General board mtgs. GAR cemetery

•Echoes of Blue and Gray-Evergreen cemetery-Sept. 9

•Brigade Ball was well attended mainly by families-proceeds were diminished. Would be happy to set it up again for this year.

•Eastside ball-Spokane good time but did not make money.

•Petition issued by Lyle to have WCWA sanction dropped from the Shakedown Cruise so as not to put WCWA insurance policy at risk, since no live firing is covered in our club's insurance policy . They will be asking the event sponsor to cover their live firing under their policy.

•Tacoma Living History-June 10- All units invited to have a booth. They have a website up and if unit commanders have any digital pictures of battles please e-mail to Rusty- This helps promote the WCWA and they are paid to do this event. Parking is limited at this event, carpooling is suggested when possible . Street parking is available however. No weapons are fired but bring them for demonstration purposes only.

•Port Townsend- March 18-19. There is a parade and living history. Federals only, if you have the correct uniform please join us. Women and Children welcome too. It is a representation of the garrison at that time. You are on show for about 4 hours. Proceeds go to Historical museum and Federals. Overnight camping available. Shooting for ½ hour. All events are on their website and it is publicized on ours

•February 22-Civilian ladies needed for a Homemakers talk. Contact Cindy Easterson

Adjourned Meeting at 12:45.

Next meeting: February 18,
GAR Cemetery, Snohomish

Sandy Burwell, Secretary

LEFT COAST

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Resting on the tip of a magnificent peninsula, the town of Port Gamble may very well be the quintessential New England village. The streets of this little burg are lined with lofty canopies of maple and elm trees and classic story-book homes. Port Gamble's 110 residents often take the occasion to sit on their front porches and sample the aroma of briny sea breeze. Indeed, many homes have ocean views. There are a couple of things that make Port Gamble truly unique. One of them is that it's located in the State of Washington and the other, that it was recently overrun by butternut and blue armies along with a horde of spectators.

Port Gamble's resemblance to New England Victorian style is no accident. Andrew Pope and William Talbot founded the town in 1853. They were businessmen who hailed from East Machias, Maine. They formed the Puget Mill Company - a logging and lumber firm. They built a mill and company town to their liking...and they liked the New England style.

Although the mill is gone, this is still a logging company town. So if you want to live here, you're likely going to have to rent a home from the company - what is now known as the Olympic Property Group (OPG). OPG holds the town, which is also a National Historic Site. Additionally, they have 4,000 adjacent acres that is still logged.

A surveyor named Charles Wilkes christened the site, Port Gamble. Wilkes went about naming places after people and circumstances involving the War of 1812. Lt. Robert Gamble served aboard the frigate, USS President (one of five sister ships to the USS Constitution). Five days after war was declared, Gamble was wounded in an exchange with the HMS Belvedira.

The bubble of tranquility that is Port Gamble, was burst by the invasion of the Washington Civil War Association (WCWA). The WCWA and OPG collaborated to bring the War Between the States to the residents of the Kitsap Pen-

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www.racw.org

Idaho Civil War
Volunteers
(ICWV)
<http://geocities.com/icwv>



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4 February, 2006 ~ Updates may be submitted to Sandra Burwell, Secretary.

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~Unofficial 2006 Calendar of Events~

March

11-12, Living History Conference, Orting. Contact Rusty Starr
18-19, Port Townsend Victorian Festival Living History & School of the Soldier (Federal Impressions). 12 to 4 PM. Contact Howard Struve, hstruve@nwinet.com, 360-874-8548.

April

1-2, Reenactor Basic Training (Federal), Fort Flagler. Contact John Persinger.
8, Honoring Their Memory, G.A.R. Cemetery, Snohomish (sponsored). Contact Bruce Smith.
22-23, Tactical, Naches. Contact Larry Graham, scottishtrooper@juno.com.
29-30, Confederate School of the Soldier, Marblemount. Contact Rusty Starr, majfstarr@aol.com, 425-743-9851.
 ?, Blue and Gray Ball, Portland. Contact Rusty Starr.

May

11-12, Ferndale School Event (sanctioned). Contact David Imburgia, dvimb1@aol.com, 360-733-2663.
20, Spokane Lilac/ Armed Forces Day Parade, Spokane (sanctioned). Contact Harold Voltz, hjkev@icehouse.net, 509-467-4667.
20, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton (sanctioned). Contact Howard Struve, hstruve@nwinet.com, 360-874-8548.
20, Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day, Fort Lewis.
27-29, Battle of Spokane Falls (sponsored). Contact Mike Inman.

June

10, Washington State History Museum exhibit, Tacoma. Contact Rusty Starr.
24-25, Battle of Port Gamble (sponsored). Contact Howard Struve.
30-July 1, Little Diamond Resort Event, Spokane (sanctioned). Contact Harold Voltz, hjkev@icehouse.net, 509-467-4667.

July

22-23, Snohomish Klā Ha Ya Days Festival and Battle Event, City of Snohomish (sponsored). Contact Pat Pietsch.

August

12-13, Ferndale Battle Reenactment, (sponsored). Contact Chris Moran, eandcmoran@earthlink.net, 360-398-8914.

September

9, Evergreen Cemetery (sanctioned). Contact Bruce Smith.
9, Kelso Parade, Kelso (sanctioned). Contact Howard Struve, hstruve@nwinet.com, 360-874-8548.

November

11, Auburn Veterans Day Parade, Auburn (sanctioned). Contact Craig Pete, waywardpilgrim@juno.com

December

?, Brigade Christmas Ball. Contact David Imburgia, dvimb1@aol.com, 360-733-2663.

If you may be interested in becoming Editor of *The Dispatch* newsletter, please contact Kayla Saville at 360-264-4373 or lightgirlkay@yahoo.com

To: All Reenactors, Blue and Gray

I am looking to see if there would be any interest in getting together and doing some NSSA style shooting here in Puget Sound.

I can host 2 matches a year with the SVRC (Snoqualmie Valley Rifle Club). Might be fun to burn some powder, and the targets always take the

Classified Ads

Submit your ad and let the Dispatch work for you. This is a free service for WCWA members. Ads will be run for 4 months then removed. If the item sells before that or you wish to run your ad for another 4 months, contact the Editor.

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Let me know if you are interested and if enough people say so, I'll organize a get together and then a match.

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 insula. The WCWA formed in 1993 when Washington members broke away from the Northwest Civil War Council (an organization that operates primarily in adjacent Oregon). They have been going great guns ever since. Their membership fluctuates between 760 and 800, which is a pretty substantial number for a western organization.

Like other Civil War organizations in this part of the country, the WCWA has three components; Confederate, Civilian and Federal. They do have a slight tweak in the Civilian section. This section is broken into Northern and Southern sub-groups. On the Confederate end, the brigade includes the following infantry units: 1st Louisiana, 4th Alabama, 7th South Carolina, 7th Tennessee, 15th Alabama and 26th North Carolina. They boast three artillery units: Cobb's, Polk's Tennessee and Stanford's Mississippi Batteries. They have two mounted cavalry

units in the 14th and 43rd Virginia. Since the Federal component doesn't currently have a mounted unit, the 14th is spending the better part of their time galvanizing as the 1st US Cav. to keep things balanced. The Cornfed contingent is rounded out with the 1st Confederate Engineers, CSA Medical Department, CSA Sumter/Marines and for the younger set, the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute.

Infantry for the Federal brigade is composed of the 3rd US, 4th US, 7th Wisconsin, 14th Brooklyn, 20th Maine, 28th Massachusetts, 76th Pennsylvania and 125th Ohio. The Naval Detachment from the USS Tahoma supplies artillery service for the Union. This detachment also has marines who turn out as skirmishers or infantry as the needs of the brigade dictate. The Yankee's also have the US Medical Department, Army of the Columbia Fife & Drum Corps and for those not yet old enough to take the

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Presenting the Past to
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field with a rifle, the Norwich Cadets. The cadets are generally attached to headquarters and serve as couriers. They also drill with the infantry, so when they “come of age,” they’re already well trained soldiers.

The WCWA set up within the Port Gamble town limits, with the Federals camping on the site of the old millpond. The Confederates were across the road in an open, park-like area. Civilians set up behind their military camp of choice.

The event got underway on Friday evening when the troops took to Port Gamble’s main street for urban combat. The boys fought head to head on Rainier Avenue as well as maneuvering around and behind houses and stores in the hope of gaining the advantage of ambush and flanking.

“Guys were actually taking hits and falling on the pavement,” remarked Howard Struve, the WCWA Event Coordinator. “It was a great fight – guys were lined up across the street from picket fence to picket fence. The guys loved it!”

And what of the spectators? Brian Eckerlie, who works at the Port Gamble Museum commented, “They were absolutely spellbound.” So the evening battle will likely become a regular feature at this first year event.

The weekend battlefield bordered the town and included some very Peninsula Campaign style terrain. The field included a plateau, rolling hill and woods and ended up taking on a sort of a reverse Malvern Hill flavor.

Federal commander, John Persinger said that he and his troops really enjoyed the event. The only difficulty they encountered was on the field; “We attacked up hill all weekend and as we’d reach the crest, we’d run into the Confederate gun line and safety zone. So we had to deal with that, but it was a really good field.”

On the other side, Confederate commander, Frank Starr was initially a little concerned; “We had our guns on a hill pointed at the town. These are all 1860’s houses and buildings and I had noticed that they had a lot of original rolled window glass. I was afraid that the artillery would blow some of the glass out. Fortunately, that didn’t happen. Our brigade was thrilled with the camping, the battles... Everything. We’re really looking forward to going back next year.”

The locals were energized about the event as well. The event drew at or in excess of 6,000 people. Julie McAfee, of the OPG remarked, “We do a lot of events here and this was the most fun we’ve ever had!” The owner of the general store said it was the best

weekend the store had ever had.

Brian Eckerlie spoke with people from Arizona and the East Coast who were out here on vacation and decided to attend. Howard Struve chatted with folks from Jamaica and The Netherlands who turned out to experience the American Civil War.

(This article edited for length.)

The 2nd Annual Port Gamble Battle Re-enactment will be June 24-25, 2006. There will be a Friday night street battle, on June 23, 2006

SUBMISSIONS FOR DISPATCH

Send all submissions and correspondence to:
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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions for the next issue is the 25th of the month.