

Cannoneers,

I am pleased to report on the recent engagements at Dog Island Park in Red Bluff, California April 29 through May 1.

Both our 3 inch gun, Sophia Antoinette and the Battery's new mortar, Samson were on the field doing their duty. The following members of the Battery were in attendance:

Capt. Ken Janson
1st Sgt. Tom Phinney
Sgt. Paul Vancas
Mess Sgt. Linda Kalayjian
Pvt. Jeff Holtzclaw
Pvt. John Kalayjian
Pvt. Jeff Kuhn
Pvt. Bill Duncan
Pvt. Debbie Grace
Pvt. Jerry Miller

Also rendering service to the Battery were:

Laura and Nicole Vancas, citizens
Seaman Bob Vanderpool, seconded from the James River Squadron.

I have not yet received photos of the event from Mess Sgt. Kalayjian, but as soon as I do I will forward some of them on to you and put several on the Battery website, www.HurtsBattery.org.

Despite the dislocation caused by a change of command in the Confederate Brigade, the battles and the weekend went, on the whole, very well. There were fewer students at the school day, but this was no doubt due to the on-again, off-again nature of the event which left the schools little time to plan. Those students that were there were very well behaved and many asked intelligent questions. Capt. Janson, 1st Sgt. Phinney, Seaman Vanderpool and Miss Carrie Rarden helped out with a presentation on the flags of both North and South.

Friday night saw a well attended Farkle game which was won by Capt. Janson, and Saturday night saw a lively, effervescent camp fire at which many a Rebel song was sung, Miss Carrie and Capt. Janson providing the music. Good use was made of our Confederate Songsters booklet of Rebel tunes.

You may have heard that Capt. Janson had been asked to become Confederate Brigade commander, but at the urgings of several members of the Battery, who felt that the Battery (as well as the captain) would suffer from such a change, he declined the honor the better to concentrate on serving the Battery and the club website. Capt. Janson served as temporary Brigade Commander for the duration of the Dog Island event. With the close of this event Henry (Bottles) Martin has now become the Confederate Brigade commander.

The next RACW event will be at Tuscan Ridge Golf Course on May 21-22. Logistics and family commitments make it impossible for Capt. Janson to be present or to bring Sophia Antoinette to that event, but it has been arranged for Capt. Craig Poundstone to galvanize his gun and one or two of his crew and come over to the Confederate side for this event. Several of our Battery said they will be there to help man his Parrott gun. All Battery members who can are encouraged to attend the Tuscan Ridge event.

Yours in Service,

Capt. Ken Janson
Commanding
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