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Special Event:
Witness to Gettysburg
- October 20th—
Annual Italian
Feast

Museum Open

House:

- August 24th &
25th
- September 28th
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Witness to Gettysburg—A Special Event

Miss Hattie Elizabeth Turner, played by Annette Hubbell, will tell about how a town of 2,400 coped with 30,000 casualties following a battle of epic proportions—Gettysburg, the most famous battle of the War Between the States, America's Civil War.

The event will be held on August 18, 2013 from 2:00—3:45 p.m. at The Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard. Refreshments will be served during the 15-minute intermission and attendees are asked for an \$8 per person donation.

A visit to East Coast historical sites in 2007 was the catalyst

in Annette Hubbell's acting career. She and her husband reserved a room at a bread and breakfast that offered something done at no other Gettysburg hotel: actors circulating among the guests daily with stories of the Civil War. Annette was hooked and decided to begin to tell the story of Gettysburg when she returned to her home in San Diego.

2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, fought July 1—3, 1863, in and around the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The battle resulted in the

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Annette Hubbell



Alpine History Day Celebration 2013

The two pioneer houses that form the Alpine Historical Society's museums were buzzing with activity on Saturday, June 1, for the annual Alpine History Day Celebration.

One of the highlights of the day's activities is the presentation of the awards for winners of the annual third grade essay contest. Essay contest Chair Vikki Coffey worked with teachers and students at Boulder

Oaks and Alpine Elementary Schools this year. Life in Alpine's Past, My Favorite Historical Person in Alpine and My Favorite Historical Place in Alpine were the subjects of this year's essays. Vikki reported that there were so many wonderful submissions, it was extremely hard for the committee to choose the winners.

Charlie Brown, Director of Community Relations at

Viejas distributed the monetary awards to the winners. Elisabeth Newbold, Alpine's Librarian, passed out Certificates of Participation from Assemblyman Brian Jones.

Attendees were able to view Norm and Dolores Kling's 1927 Model T Ford, were treated to a beekeeping presentation by beekeeper Richard Edwards, and to view live baby chicks *(continued on page 2)*

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largest number of casualties of the entire war and is often described as the war's turning point. Union Major General George Gordon Meade's Army of the Potomac defeated attacks by Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, ending Lee's invasion of the North.

Between 46,000 and 51,000 soldiers from both armies were casualties in the three-day battle.

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln used the dedication ceremony for the Gettysburg National Cemetery to honor the fallen Union soldiers

and redefine the purpose of the war in his historic Gettysburg Address.

Ms. Hubbell's program was originally intended for students; however, it was so well received it expanded to include community and private groups as well.

If you plan to attend the Witness to Gettysburg event, please RSVP by calling Carol Morrison at (619)445-2544 or emailing info@alpinehistory.org. Spread the word and invite your friends—all are welcome to attend to learn more about this important part of America's history. ■



Left:
Historic depiction of The Battle of Gettysburg.

Right:
Annette Hubbell fires a Civil War Musket at Gettysburg.



Thanks to Donors and New and Renewing Members

Many thanks to the following for their recent monetary donations to the Society: Carlette Anderson, Gerald Dobbs, Mary Fritz, Kirby and Ben Johnson, Corky and Vera Jones, Marion Roberts and Albert Simonson. The generous

support of donors enables the Alpine Historical Society to continue to preserve the rich history of Alpine.

Thanks also to renewing members Colin and Janice Campbell, Gerald Dobbs, Corky and Vera Jones, Ron

and Carol Matzenauer, John and Ann Pierce, Marion Roberts, David Smith, Gary and Sue Smith, Deborah Sweeney and Elma Terry.

Finally, welcome to new members David Bruce and

Kamps Propane.

If you haven't renewed your membership or joined the Society—please consider doing so today.

We have so much to learn, document and share—join us! ■

Alpine History Day Celebration 2013 *(continued from page 1)*

and geese courtesy of Jennifer's Feed and Supply Store.

In the Nichols House, Anne Tarr provided attendees with a treadle machine sewing demonstration and Dolores Kling demonstrated the art of crocheting.

Lunch consisted of homemade chili, salad, bread, and ice cream sundaes.

Many thanks to the Viejas

Band of Kumeyaay Indians for their Platinum Sponsorship of the Alpine History Day Celebration, to Chris Wiley of Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. and SDG&E for their Gold Sponsorship and to the following Silver Sponsors of the event: Janet's Montana Café, Robert Ring of Alpine's Albertsons, Laurie Hallihan of State Farm Insurance, Ronda Hopper of Keller Williams Realty, Rob

Rowell of Alpine Auto Repair, Craig Linden of Kamps Propane, Tim Mathews of Alpine Ace Hardware, Greg Fox of California Options Real Estate (CORE), Susan Manis of Manis and Associates Real Estate and the Alpine Creek Town Center.

To the many volunteers who cooked and donated the delicious lunch—thank you. Thanks also to the third grade teachers and students from Boulder Oaks

and Alpine Elementary Schools, and their principals, for participating in our annual essay contest, Alpine Kiwanis for loaning us their awning and helping to put it up, Alpine's Albertsons for food donations, Baltazar and Laura Marquez for their work in keeping the museums and grounds looking great and to the committee members who made this celebration possible once again. ■

Alpine History Day Celebration 2013—Photos by Carol Morrison



Winners of the annual essay contest display the certificates received from Assemblyman Brian Jones after the ceremony.



Essay Chairman Vikki Coffey listens attentively to Emily Stewart's award winning essay in the category My Favorite Historical Place in Alpine.



Youngsters enjoy the baby chicks and geese displayed by Alex of Jennifer's Feed and Supply Store.



Lovely Alpine Teen Queens greet guests as they arrive for the celebration.



Norm and Dolores Kling's 1927 Model T Ford was on hand for the celebration.



Bill Waterworth tells museum visitors about the recently acquired doctor's buggy.

Civil War Veterans Settle in Alpine

Many soldiers lost their lives in the War Between the States, America's Civil War. Some of them found their way, after surviving the horrors of war, to our community. Their stories follow.

ADAM BEATY

Little is known about Adam Beaty's Civil War service. Mr. Beaty enlisted in the Mexican-American War as a private in 1846 in Captain Eli Chandler's Company, 1st Texas Mounted Volunteers. He was in the Battle of Monterey and became partially blind in his right eye after exposure to heat. Even with this injury, he went on to serve the Confederacy in the Civil War.

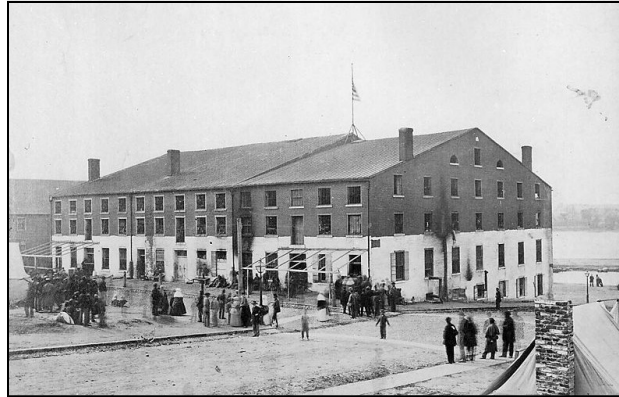
In 1863, he married, Caroline Johnson, widow of Thomas Cureton who was killed in the Civil War.

After the Civil War, and following the demise of the local rancheros, settlers from the defeated south began to settle on the fringes of the old ranchos in Viejas Valley and Harbison Canyon.

Adam Beaty and his wife first settled in Harbison Canyon in 1869—some four years after the end of the war.

The Beatys were held in high regard by Alpine residents as founders of the

community. They experienced and participated in the transition from an isolated frontier area to a well-established community.



Libby Prison, 1865.

EDWARD FOSS

Edward Alanson Foss volunteered to serve as a soldier for the Union in 1862. During the Battle of Gaines Mill he was wounded, captured by the Confederates, and sent to Libby Prison for a short time before being hospitalized at David's Island, New York Harbor.

A bullet lodged in the marrow bone of his leg and, at that time medical expertise was limited and the bullet was not removed. He was discharged from the army as disabled and spent the rest of his life in pain from the injury.

Not much is known about Edward's time in the Con-

federate prison, located on Tobacco Row at the waterfront of the James River in Richmond, Virginia. Libby Prison gained the infamous

reputation for the overcrowded and harsh conditions under which officer prisoners from the Union Army were kept. Prisoners suffered from malnutrition and a high mortality rate. By 1863, one thousand prisoners were crowded into large open rooms on two floors, with open, barred windows leaving them exposed to weather and temperature extremes.

Prior to its use as a prison, the warehouse building was leased by Captain Luther Libby and was used to operate a ship's chandlery and grocery business.

Edward Foss married Caroline Athearn on June 1,

1870, five years after the end of the Civil War. In 1875, the Foss family left a genteel life style in Massachusetts society to come to a virtual wilderness. Mr. Foss hoped to become a successful beekeeper.

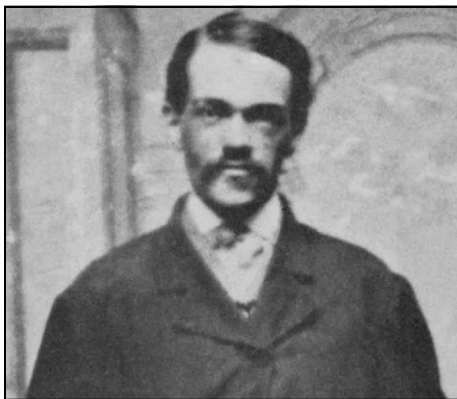
The Foss family was instrumental in the development of Alpine's schools and its church.

RVD. CLARK AND DR. HEREFORD

In her book, *Alpine, History of a Mountain Settlement*, Bea LaForce mentions two other Civil War veterans who came to Alpine.

Reverend Clark shared the duties of preacher with Reverend Wilson for six years when church services were held in the Town Hall. A Civil War veteran, Reverend Clark was described as, "...a little short on fancy manners, picked his teeth with this pocket knife, but his preaching was remembered. 'It was the real Gospel,' they said."

Ms. LaForce, speaking of early Alpine doctors, reports, "One of the Civil War veterans was Dr. Hereford, who had an apple orchard in Sacraero Valley and is known to have done some emergency medical work, but did not, apparently, choose to practice." *(continued on page 5)*



Left: Edward Alanson Foss on his wedding day, June 1, 1870.

Right: The Foss Family in Alpine, 1886. From left: Harry, Mr. Foss holding Robert, Charles, Pearl, Mrs. Foss holding Joseph, Percy.



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CAPTAIN HARRY PARKS

The Alpine Historical Society learned about Captain Harry Jeremiah Parks from Victor Head who, before his death, was a valuable contributor to the historical archives of Alpine.

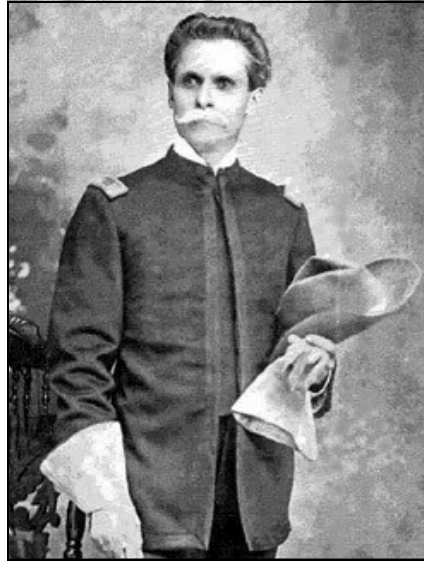
Mr. Head told the following about Captain Parks, "The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest military honor awarded by the United States for 'uncommon valor' in action above and beyond the call of duty in combat against an armed enemy. As of the end of the Vietnam war, a total of 3,418 such medals had been awarded, nearly half of them during the Civil War. So what makes Captain Parks so special?

First, few indeed were personally awarded in a face-to-face ceremony by President Lincoln; second, he was only sixteen years of age when the award was made."

Victor Head was befriended by Captain Parks in 1926—Victor was eight years old and Captain Parks seventy-eight. Captain Parks told Victor how proud he was that throughout an illustri-

ous army career spanning more than four decades he had never killed a man.

ous in the wee small hours," Victor recounted in his recollections of Captain Parks.



Captain Harry Jeremiah Parks, Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor—at age 16.

"As a child I was intrigued by his curved sword, which would slide just as easily into and out of its curved scabbard as would a straight sword with a straight scabbard. He called it a saber. He had a guitar leaning in a corner that he said sometimes gave out spontaneous mu-

sic in a sworn statement issued by Captain Parks, at the request of the War Department, he recounted the following:

"Strolling around seeing the city I wandered into the White House. The guard noticed me and my worn out clothing. Inquiring if I was from the front, I

handed him my pass. He seemed surprised and said, 'Stand here a minute.' He left, and returned shortly saying, 'The President wishes to see you.' My heart bounded with joy. When I saw Lincoln both hands were extended to meet and greet me. He said many kind words and requested me to come in when I received the medal as he wished to see it. Upon receiving the medal I went at once to see the President. Again he received me kindly, with a smile on his manly face. He took the medal from the case and pinned it on my breast over my throbbing heart. Then placing his arm around me he said, 'God bless my hero boy of the Shenandoah.'"

The entire transcript of Captain Park's statement of how he won his medal can be found on the Historical Research, People of Alpine, Harry Jeremiah Parks page of the Society's website, www.alpinehistory.org.

One has to wonder how many other Alpine links to the Civil War may exist. ■



Captain Parks' home, called the "Doll House", was located behind the Log Cabin Café.



Captain Parks (second from left) and friends enjoy a sunny day on McKittrick Hill in Alpine.

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