

COMMANDER SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

takes pleasure in presenting the

Commanding Officer's Unit Citation

23 November 2013



to

BATTERY A, 3RD UNITED STATES ARTILLERY SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

As set forth in the following citation:

Battery A, 3rd United States Artillery had previously disbanded in the 6th Military District in California. The unit was re-activated in Reno, NV in 2012 by Brother Wayne L. Eder and the members of SUVCW, Dept. of California & the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp 25. The Battery currently operates two-full scale artillery pieces with all of the necessary tools and accoutrements, utilized at SUVCW ceremonies, reenactments, and other Civil War events in Nevada, California and Oregon. Through the use of these two weapons, a Model 1841 12lb. Mountain Howitzer and a Model 1838 24lb. Coehorn Mortar, along with a replica limber fabricated by Battery member RAY AHRENHOLZ, the Battery is able to demonstrate the operations of field artillery in the Civil War. Since reforming, this unit has steadfastly thrown itself into the effort to educate the public on the role Nevada and California played in the Civil War. They organized and executed a successful Sesquicentennial Signature Event in Virginia City on May 25, 2013 to honor the 150th anniversary of the formation of the 1st Battalion, Nevada Volunteer Cavalry. They conduct an annual open house and participate in numerous reenactments throughout the region. Battery members have donated their time at National Park Service, Fort Point (CA) and Nevada State Parks, Fort Churchill to educate the public on the life of Civil War artillerymen at both posts. This unit traveled to Arizona in 2012 shortly after forming to participate in the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Picacho Pass, the westernmost battle fought during the Civil War. They have been effective in engaging with local news media to publicize all of these events and keep the spirits of the "Boys in Blue" alive in the hearts of the citizens and visitors of our region.

Congratulations to Battery A for setting the bar high for all the other units in the district. It's a great goal to try to emulate!



Robert E. Grim
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Commanding