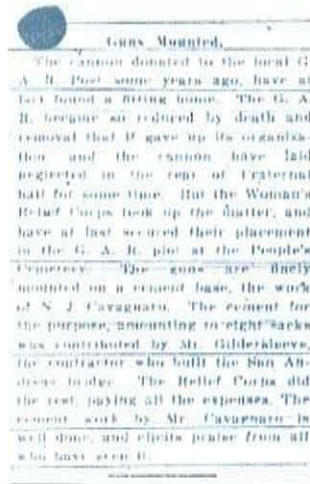


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SAN ANDREAS PEOPLE'S CEMETERY  
CALAVERAS COUNTY, CA  
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Clipping from Calaveras Prospect, Dec. 25 1915, page 1:



**"GUNS MOUNTED.** The cannon donated to the local G. A. R. Post some years ago have at last found a fitting home. The G. A. R. became so reduced by death and removal that it gave up its organization, and the cannon have laid neglected in the rear of Fraternal hall for some time. But the Woman's Relief Corps took up the matter, and have at last secured their placement in the G. A. R. Plot at the People's Cemetery. The guns are finely mounted on a cement base, the work of N. J. Cavagnaro. The cement for the purpose, amounting to eight sacks was contributed by Mr. Gildersleeve, the contractor who built the San Andreas bridge. The Relief Corps did the rest, paying all the expenses. The cement work by Mr. Cavagnaro is well done, and elicits praise from all who have seen it."

The copy of the article was made by General George Wright Camp #22, Memorials Officer Harry H. Harland from the Calaveras Prospect newspaper's microfilm in the California Room of the California State Library, Sacramento, CA on 16 December 2005.

Information set up for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorials Assessment Report, Form #61, by Department of California and Pacific Memorial Officer Kirby R. Morgan, 93614-9109 Park Sierra Drive #537, Coarsegold, CA 93614-9109, on 30 December 2005.

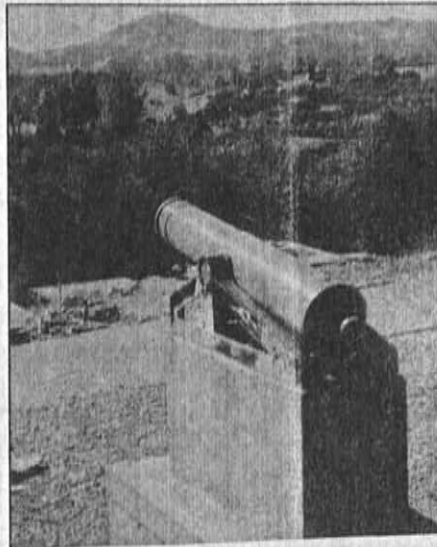
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**SATURDAY**

AUDREY COOPER, CITY EDITOR

This 19th century cannon once stood guard at the gravesides of Civil War veterans buried in the People's Cemetery in San Andreas; now it waits in a Calaveras County warehouse for resolution in a dispute over who owns it. A similar cannon remains in law-enforcement custody.

SALVATORE MANNA/  
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**NOVEMBER 19, 2005**

## Cannon conundrum

Civil War-era guns embroiled in Lode custody fight

By **Dana M. Nichols**  
*Record Staff Writer*

SAN ANDREAS — About 140 years after they were last fired in combat, two Civil War-era cannons are at the center of a gentler battle.

This time, the struggle is over whether the cannons will be returned to their longtime post near Civil War soldiers' graves on a hilltop cemetery or be redeployed to the Red Barn Museum.

Now, one gun is in a Calaveras County warehouse and the other is in the keeping of the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department.

"We want those guns put back as they were intended, as a memorial," said Kirby Morgan, a

spokesman for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The board of the cemetery district that runs People's Cemetery in San Andreas and the leaders of the Calaveras Historical Society have a different plan. They want to place the cannons at the Red Barn near the county government complex on Mountain Ranch Road. County officials say it is a good idea, if only because it will make the more-than-700-pound cannons

harder to steal.

"The only reason the barn is involved in it is because the barn belongs to the county, so it is going to be mounted on county property right there by the barn so the public can see it," said Rosemary Faulkner, chairwoman of the Calaveras Historical Society committee that oversees the Red Barn Museum.

An act of Congress in 1913 authorized the Secretary of War

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## CANNON: U.S. Army ultimately owns old arms

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to deliver two cannons to "The City of San Andreas," according to a newspaper article at the time.

One problem with that: There is no city of San Andreas. The town is an unincorporated area in Calaveras County. The cannons were given into the custody of "Chickamauga Post 115, Grand Army of the Republic."

The GAR — Union soldiers in the Civil War — are now long gone. Post 115 of San Andreas is defunct. That's where the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War come in. "We are the legal heirs of the GAR, Grand Army of the Republic," Morgan said.

Ed Woolverton, chief of the Army's Donation Program headquartered in Warren, Mich., said his legal department has asked the federal district court in Washington, D.C., to dig up a copy of a 1940 ruling on a case involving the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's claim that it is heir to the GAR.

Until his legal advisers read that decision, he won't decide who should have custody of the cannons.

One of the cannons was stolen from the cemetery in 1998. The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department this summer received a tip and found it hidden in a pond near Mountain Ranch, said Capt. Keith Anderson. That cannon did not return to the cemetery and remains in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

The stolen cannon's recovery prompted talks by Calaveras Historical Society members about where to put the cannons.

About the same time last summer, a Sons of Union Veterans delegation came to photograph the single cannon then remaining in People's Cemetery. Sal Manna of Burson, a local history buff, tagged along.

"The cannons overlook the veterans plot, which is probably the GAR plot of the cemetery," Manna said. "I thought it was somewhat disrespectful, the idea that they would take these cannons that were put there as a memorial and move them to this museum that is about farm life."

Meanwhile, the cemetery board sent a letter to the Historical Society saying the soci-

ety could have that remaining cannon. A Historical Society member borrowed a county truck in October and hauled the cannon from the cemetery to a county warehouse. A few weeks later, Manna noticed the cannon was missing.

The deal between the cemetery and the Historical Society appears to be moot. Both county officials and the Army agree the cannons belong to the Army.

Now, Anderson is preparing paperwork for county officials asking the Army to give the county custody. That's in limbo, however, until Woolverton's staff finishes its legal research on the GAR and the Sons of Union Veterans.

Anderson said the Army representative he'd been in contact with said the Army had made a tentative decision to give the county custody of the cannons.

"I had to explain to them back East that San Andreas is not a city," he said.

Contact reporter Dana M. Nichols at (209) 754-9534 or [dnichols@recordnet.com](mailto:dnichols@recordnet.com)

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LETTERS

**Memorial's removal is  
an affront to veterans**

A private citizen "borrows" a county-owned vehicle and removes a cannon, property that he does not own, and places it in a county facility? If this is a new county policy, I'm sure other private citizens would be thrilled to learn that they too can "borrow" county vehicles.

The cemetery district, the county and the Historical Society know that the cannons are not their property, but rather that of the

U.S. Army and still they allow the removal of the one that remained at the cemetery? Seven years after one cannon is stolen, the cemetery district suddenly determines that it cannot protect either cannon - even though the second cannon had remained where it had been for 85 years or so and the stolen one had been there about 75 years? Presumably then, the district can do nothing to protect any memorial marker or gravesite.

Despite the fact that the cannons were dedicated to the veterans of Calaveras County, no one bothered to consult any local veterans group or the Civil War veterans group under whose auspices the cannons were originally given?

Business as usual in Calaveras County? Let's hope not. Because if this county cannot give a veterans memorial the respect it deserves then perhaps the U.S. Army ought to do what it says it has done in similar cases regarding cannons elsewhere - take them back.

Sal Manna  
Burson

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16 November 2005  
0045 hours  
Coarsegold CA

Marlene Kelly  
C/O  
Commander USA TACOM  
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Warren MI 48397-5000

Greetings Marlene Kelly,

Enclosed are the pictures you wanted plus some background information for your files on the CA, Calaveras County, San Andreas Cemetery Veterans Memorial and the associated Mt. Howitzers that are owned by the Federal Government.

We now believe the Cannons were never displayed in Burson. We have found where the GAR land where Post 149 had their building was sold to Simpson Lumber company in about 1893 and they moved their Headquarters to San Andreas in 1897. That is some 15 years before the guns were authorized for "The City of San Andreas and GAR Chickamauga Post 149".

The research continues and we find pieces here and there.

We have not gained enough knowledge to send the pictures via email with certainty. This is a safety mailing to be sure you receive the information.

What is your military title? I feel a bit embarrassed not knowing how to address you.

Respectfully,



Kirby R. Morgan

CC: Todd A. Shillington ✓  
Tad D. Campbell  
Harry H. Harland

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Edward Anderson  
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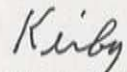
I appreciated the call today. It is good to hear the other Military organizations are starting to come awake.

You might like to go on line to [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org). There is a link to the Department of California and Pacific (CA, NV, HI). Our Department Civil War Memorial web page is, <http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/deptca/cwm.html> .

Thank you for alerting the CA Veterans Agency of the problem in Calaveras county. We would be interested in any followup.

Feel free to call on me as the occasion warrants. While I am out of the area, I will try to supply information and answers as they are available to me.

Respectfully,



Kirby R. Morgan

CC: Todd A. Shillington  
Tad D. Campbell  
Harry H. Harland



The American Legion Post 102  
P.O. Box 416  
Valley Springs, CA 95252

December 1, 2005

Mr. James Poe  
San Andreas Cemetery District  
P.O. Box 572  
San Andreas, California 95249

Dear Mr. Poe:

During an Executive Board meeting of the Bill Brinlee Post #102, American Legion, Valley Springs, the subject of the two cannons previously located at Peoples' Cemetery in San Andreas was brought to our attention. Without input from your Board of Directors, we limited our discussion to information contained in recent local newspapers. It is our understanding, based on these articles, that the two Civil War cannons were donated by the 62<sup>nd</sup>. National Congress in 1912 to honor all military veterans of Calaveras County. These cannons were placed in Peoples' Cemetery in San Andreas for this purpose. The recent theft and recovery of one of these cannons, has prompted the removal of both cannons from the cemetery. It is our understanding that this was done because of security concerns over the cannons. Evidently, there has been discussions recommending placing these cannons at a local agriculture museum.

Since no Veteran Service Organization has been contacted by your Board, I have been directed to inform you that the American Legion Post #102 of Valley Springs strongly recommends that these cannons be returned to Peoples Cemetery to honor all military veterans of Calaveras County who have served honorably in the defense of our country and to those who lie in hallowed ground within this cemetery.

If so asked, members of the American Legion Post #102, Valley Springs would gladly volunteer their time and expertise in securing these cannons to their original mounts within Peoples' Cemetery.

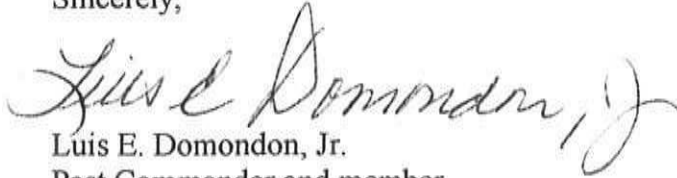
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If we can be of service to you in this matter, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,



Luis E. Domondon, Jr.  
Past Commander and member  
American Legion Post #102  
209-772-9707

Cc: Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

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Tad D. Campbell  
Commander  
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Subject: CA, Calaveras County, San Andreas People's Cemetery,  
Memorial Cannons.

Commander Campbell,

It gives me great pleasure to report that Harry H. Harland, M.O., Gen. George Wright Camp #22, called me less than an hour ago to report that he had discovered an article giving the date of the original setting of the Mt. Howitzers as/or 25 December 1915.

Brother Harland has been spending many hours at the CA State Library, California Room doggedly wadding through newspaper microfilm in search of information on the setting of the two Mt. Howitzers in the San Andreas People's Cemetery. Today he hit pay dirt and will be sending me copies of several articles the first part of next week. I will set them up for the Form #61 and forward them sometime during the first week of January.

Some of the key points related to me by phone are:

The cannon were placed in the GAR Plot

The cannon were given to the POST and placed in their name

They had spent some time in storage in San Andreas

The WRC was instrumental in finally getting the cannons placed

There were not many members of the Post left at that time

We now know who built the bases for the cannons

The announced date of placement was 25 Dec. 1915

We are now able to reduce our research to 1913 through 1915 for information as to when the cannons came into town. The WRC may have had some fund raisers or they may have arranged all work through volunteers and hopefully they have been given credit elsewhere in the newspapers. Then again there is the possibility that nothing was published. If there is more information I am sure M.O. Harland will find it.

In F. C. And L.,

*Kirby*

Kirby Morgan  
Dept. M.O.

CC: H. H. Harland, B. Schall, D. E. McGovern, T. A. Shillington ←

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Subject: CA, Calaveras County, San Andreas People's Cemetery  
Veterans Memorial with two Mt. Howitzers, 1844 & 1847

Greetings Ms. Kelly,

Enclosed is some more information concerning the cannons and  
Veterans Memorial at San Andreas People's Cemetery, or where they  
should be.

Capt. Keith Andersen is apparently not giving out your address  
and we are not giving it out to hopefully protect you from having  
to deal with too many parties and local politics.

I was asked to see that the American Legion letter was forwarded  
to your unit. Please let me know by email when Ed Wolverton has  
read the letter so I can confirm with them, by phone, that the  
letter was received and read by the "Army".

Our local researcher, Harry H. Harland, Memorials Officer, Camp  
#22, has found an article in a local newspaper giving the time  
the cannon were originally set in the cemetery, about 25 Dec  
1915. He sent the article today to my temporary address in  
Ridgecrest, CA, and I will send a copy to you shortly after we  
get back to our "house" about 29 Dec.

Respectfully,

*Kirby*

Kirby Morgan

CC: Todd A. Shillington ✓  
Tad D. Campbell

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## Battle waging over rights

By Craig Koscho

When the remaining Civil War cannon at the People's Cemetery in San Andreas was recently moved to a storage unit housing its twin, it sparked a protest from one resident, along with a labyrinthine search to determine just who has jurisdiction over the big guns.

The two 790-pound guns had stood overlooking the cemetery's veterans for about 75 years when one was stolen in 1998.

That cannon was recovered in July, shined up, and placed

in storage while local officials determine its fate.

Now the remaining gun at the cemetery has been moved to storage as well, with the intent that both will be mounted in front of the Red Barn Museum at the county Government Center.

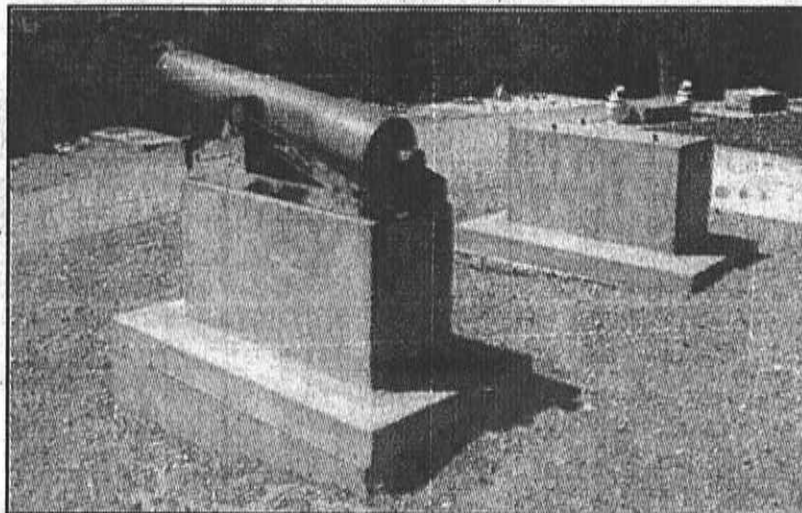
The move was made by the Calaveras County Historical Society in conjunction with the People's Cemetery District, and has angered Burson resident Sal Manna, who has researched the history of the cannons and is a

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■ Assistance available for veterans

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## to Civil War cannons



Enterprise photo by Craig Koscho

**The remaining cannon at the People's Cemetery is now in storage with the recovered gun.**

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## Cannons

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member of the Historical Society.

He wants to see both guns back at the cemetery.

"Those cannons were put there as a memorial to the war dead," Manna said, adding that the cemetery is the final resting place of veterans from the Civil War, through the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

"You just don't move a memorial like that on a whim," Manna said.

### Cannons moved

The Historical Society began discussing the possible move about the same time the second cannon was recovered, said society member Dave Sanders.

Several members were concerned about the safety of the remaining gun.

"I guess it was more my idea," Sanders said, adding from what he understood at that time, he thought the Historical Society already was in charge of the guns.

The cemetery district board of directors supported the proposal.

In a letter to the society dated Sept. 10, 2005, cemetery board secretary Melinda Williams said directors discussed the move to better ensure the cannons' safety.

"The board recognizes this will be a great thing to do..." the letter states.

Sanders said he and another Historical Society member borrowed a truck from the county Road Department and moved the cannon in mid-October.

He added that the concrete abutment on which the cannon rested was just sitting on the ground and was not anchored into the earth.

Manna was not only concerned about the guns being moved, but added that no one got permission from the cannons' true owners,

the U.S. Army, prior to the action.

### Who has jurisdiction?

While there is disagreement over some of the cannons' history, a 1913 newspaper article states several condemned brass and bronze cannons were distributed to various branches of the Grand Army of the Republic, including the Chickamauga Post in San Andreas.

They were placed at the cemetery in the 1920s, Manna said.

When the GAR faded from existence, its duties and functions fell to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Manna said.

One of that group's members, Kirby Morgan, also is concerned about the cannons' relocation.

He, too, said the cannons were placed as a memorial to veterans.

At the very least, Morgan said, removal of the cannons was done prior to receiving official approval from their real owners, the Army.

"If they're jerking monuments out without notifying the proper authorities, they're in violation," Morgan said.

There's confusion, though, over just who was given the indefinite loan of the cannons.

The stolen cannon ended up in the possession, at least temporarily, of the Sheriff's Department, so sheriff's Capt. Keith Andersen began researching the ownership with the goal of getting them under the jurisdiction of Calaveras County.

Andersen and Manna noted that the cannons were loaned to the "city" of San Andreas.

But since there is no incorporated city of San Andreas, just what does that mean?

Manna believes it meant the cannons were loaned to the citizens of San Andreas, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Andersen said it seems there was some confusion about local

governments from officials in the eastern part of the country, where there are at least townships or other local entities to officially take charge of such items.

Because there is no mayor of San Andreas or any other corresponding official, Andersen is working with Army officials at the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, which oversees the loan of old military items, to get the cannons transferred to Calaveras County's jurisdiction.

The County Administrative Officer would be designated as the lead person.

### Safety concerns

Sanders and Andersen both stress how much safer the cannons would be at the Red Barn, where there is more public visibility and the Sheriff's Department is just a stone's throw away.

Manna said while the Red Barn is a laudable museum, its purpose is to highlight the county's agricultural background, and so is not an appropriate site for the cannons.

He also disputes the safety aspect, saying all that's needed is to better secure them at the cemetery.

"One cannon was stolen in 75 years," Manna said. "The other has been there ever since. That is no reason to move them."

Andersen disagrees.

"We lost one for eight years," Andersen said.

He emphasized that moving the cannons was not a matter of being against a memorial to veterans "but our position is we're just trying to keep them in a safer place."

Manna is hoping he can still change their minds.

"The cannons belong at the cemetery," he said.

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26 October 2005

Wally Motloch, President  
Calaveras County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 721  
San Andreas, CA 95249

President Motloch,

We met for a few minutes at the Burson Founders Day event and at that time you were interested in knowing how close to a building you could place the guns that your group planned to move from the People's Cemetery for security reasons. I made no comment about the proposed move at the time as it was presumed this move was being authorized by the County Board of Supervisors, the legal caretakers of the guns for the U.S. Government.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). We take great interest in seeing that G.A.R. Memorials are maintained by the local responsible agent, to which the government made an indefinite loan, generally for a specified purpose. The local authority, city, county or cemetery, usually accepted the loan on behalf of a local G.A.R. Post.

Neither the County nor the Historical Society have shown that they are the legal contractual custodian for this indefinite loan of these mountain howitzers from the U.S. Government. It is therefore requested by the Department Commander Tad D. Campbell, Department Counselor Daniel R. Earl and the Department Memorials Officer Kirby R. Morgan, of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that the guns not be removed from the Cemetery. You may wish to place the recovered gun on a temporary mount in the Historical Museum until the situation can be clarified through additional research that is in progress, mostly by researcher Salvatore Manna of Burson, California.

Respectfully,



Kirby R. Morgan

cc: Tad D. Campbell, Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific, SUVCW  
Daniel R. Earl, Counselor, Dept. of California & Pacific, SUVCW  
Harry H. Harland, Civil War Memorials Officer, Gen. Geo. Wright Camp #22, SUVCW  
D. Brad Schall, Natl. Aide to Natl. Committee on Civil War Memorials, SUVCW  
Douglas E. McGovern, Area Representative, Natl. Civil War Memorials Committee, SUVCW  
Todd A. Shillington, Chair, Natl. Civil War Memorials Committee, SUVCW  
Victoria A. Erickson, Chair, Calaveras County Board of Supervisors  
Bill Claudino, Calaveras County Supervisor  
Salvatore Manna, Researcher from Burson, Calaveras County

16 December 2005  
Provo UT

Todd A Shillington  
Memorials Committee Chair

Subject: CA, Calaveras Co., San Andreas People's Cem.,  
Veteran's Memorial.

Brother Shillington,

Enclosed you will find the article about the Memorial cannons as published in **THE RECORD** out of Stockton, San Joaquin County, CA on Saturday November 19, 2005.

The delay for obtaining the newspaper articles was that both reporters forgot that I had requested hard copies of the articles for our Form #61. They were very apologetic when reminded and promptly forwarded copies. The Calaveras Enterprise sent the whole newspaper and it is lost somewhere in the mail. The enclosed article was in our mail packet that arrived in Provo on Monday and I read it Wednesday evening, the day we arrived. Possibly next Mondays mail packet will have the other newspaper article and other letters that are supposedly coming.

I nearly forgot to include the copy of an article to the "Letters to the Editor" column of the **Calaveras Enterprise**, published November 25, 2005. Sal Manna said he just wanted to keep the problem up front in peoples minds.

Since the 30 November we have been on the move and at times the mail is 12 days getting to us, depending when it comes into the home base mail room. All mail received by Wednesday is packaged and posted out Thursday morning. If a letter comes in Thursday it sits until the next Thursday mailing, or 7 days, plus the mailing time to get there and the usual 2-4 days to get to us. That is why some pieces of mail take 12-14 days to catch up to us. Our next packet will come Monday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> here at Provo, UT.

The snow on the north side of the street, our side, is down to small patches. The lawns on the south side of the street still have 2" to 6" of solid snow on them. The lows have been in the teens and the highs around thirty degrees F'.

In F. C. And L.,

*Kirby Morgan*

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Aid, National Memorials Committee

CC: Harry H. Harland, Tad D. Campbell, Brad Schall,  
D. E. McGovern, Marlene Kelly

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President Motloch,

As discussed with your museum staff during my visit in April 2005 we will be providing a copy of the SUVCW Memorial Assessment Report, Form #61, when it is completed, on the Mt. Howitzers G.A.R. Veterans Memorial at San Andreas People's Cemetery. Memorial Officer, Harry H. Harland, of the General George Wright Camp #22 (Sacramento) is doing research on this project as time permits.

Memorial Officer Harry Harland recently found an article which I think will be of interest to you. I am forwarding, out of the report, a copy for your review and for your museum cannon file.

Since the SUVCW are the legal heirs of the G.A.R. we look forward to working with you in the future. As you are fully aware, we wish the Memorial Cannons to be returned to their rightful place in the G.A.R. plot of San Andreas People's Cemetery.

For security reasons I am sure that any re-placement of the Veterans Memorial Cannons in the G.A.R. plot will take some re-designing. We would like to have some input into the redesigning of the Memorial when the time is appropriate.

Respectfully,

*Kirby*  
Kirby R. Morgan

CC: Harry Harland; Dan Earl; Tad D. Campbell; Brad Schall; D. E. McGovern; Todd A. Shillington; Ed Anderson; Salvatore Manna

CA Dept. Vet Affairs

Todd Shillington  
FYI

12-29-05 Thur.

MIKE SLATER,

I AM PROVIDING YOU WITH A PACKET OF INFORMATION

RE: REMOVAL OF TWO CIVIL WAR CANNONS (MEMORIAL) FROM A  
CEMETERY IN SAN ANDREAS, CALIF. "PEOPLES CEMETERY"

THE ARGUMENT CITED FOR REMOVAL IS SECURITY AND VISIBILITY.

IT IS WHETHER APPROPRIATE OR ACCEPTABLE TO THE VETERANS TO RELOCATE  
THE CANNONS THAT WERE DEDICATED TO ALL THE VETERANS OF CALIFORNIA

AS A VETERAN AND MEMBER OF THE LARGEST VETERANS ORGANIZATION IN  
AMERICA (THE AMERICAN LEGION) I AM CONCERNED THAT WE WERE NOT  
ADVISED OF THIS PROPOSAL.

IT IS BEING SUGGESTED THE Bd. OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD HAVE  
JURISDICTION OVER THE CANNONS. IT IS MY OPINION THE "SONS  
OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR" INHERITED CONTROL  
AND THAT THE "SAN ANDREAS CEMETERY DISTRICT" RETAIN POSSESSION

YOU CANT RIP OFF MEMORIALS OR THEY WONT BE THERE FOR  
FUTURE GENERATIONS!

Rec. 4 Feb 2006  
Kirby Morgan  
Dept. MO  
Dept. CA + PAC.  
SUVCW

For God & Country  
Ed Anderson  
Jr. Post Commander Post 102 AMV

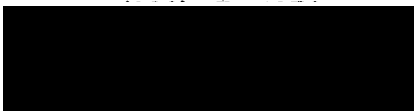


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January 24, 2006

Kirby Morgan  
Civil War Memorial Offices  
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Dear Mr. Morgan:

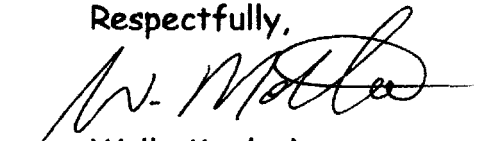
This letter is in response to your letter of December 20, 2005 that I received on January 19, 2006.

Thank you for keeping me apprised of these events and for providing this new information for our cannon file.

The two cannons of concern are in the custody of Calaveras County. There is a committee of County officials that is concerned about the safety of the cannons and the future placement of them. As you know, one was stolen, and was, fortunately, recovered.

To the extend that I or the Historical Society becomes cognizant of any determinations, I will keep you informed of the status of the cannons and of any decisions made regarding the cannons by the County officials.

Respectfully,

  
Wally Motloch  
President,

CCHSWM:kc

Rec. 4 February 2005  
KRM

Todd Asst. Shilington ✓  
D.E. McGovern  
Brad Schall  
Tad D. Campbell  
Dan Earl  
Harry Harland

30 December '05 Kirby Morgan

Ridgeway CA

Brother Shillington,

I have been quite with the Cemetery so far not knowing if this was a G.A.R. Plot or a general Veterans area. Since it was a G.A.R. Plot they had some type of title, though Cemetery records are "Lost".

This should help us with local standing. The Cem has no right to move a memorial off "our" G.A.R. Plot.

I sent a copy direct to Kelly.

Harland is continuing to work back in the papers

Kirby Morgan



Support Our Troops

Smile!



16 December 2005 2150 hrs

It makes people wonder what you've been up to!

Brother Shillington,

I hope you do not mind <sup>me</sup> sending some of the printed material directly to Marlene Kelly.

My day was made today when Harland called with news of first the setting of the cannon's date. I am still a bit of a nig.

need to go play games with the fam. Kids are gone out and we adults are to ourselves.

Kirby Morgan + Carol  
Wish you a Merry Christmas + a Happy New Year.

on instructions.