

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

29 August 2026

Annual Huntington Beach Civil War Days

Invitation, Orders, and Announcements

Event Date:

September 5–6, 2026

Huntington Beach Central Park

Gothard Street, between Slater and Talbert Avenues

To All Commands, Reenactors, and Friends,

The call to muster has gone out! Huntington Beach Civil War Days will soon return to Central Park, and we cordially invite you to take the field with us on **September 5–6, 2026**.

With favorable weather anticipated, strong reenactor participation, and an excellent park setting, this year's event promises to be one of our finest. We look forward to a full weekend of **recruiting opportunities, living-history demonstrations, spirited battle presentations, and meaningful public engagement**.

All recognized organizations, units, and independent reenactors are welcome to participate. In addition to troops from across California, we welcome reenactors traveling from **Arizona and Utah**.

Registration is \$5 and may be completed through the [HB Civil War Days website](#) or upon arrival at the **Registration Booth**.

Mounted Troops: Mounted participation is **by invitation only**. No other mounted participants will be permitted in the park. Questions concerning mounted participation should be directed to me.

Event Headquarters

The event website contains important dispatches and materials for the weekend, including:

- **Event updates and announcements**
- **Daily schedule**
- **Reenactor swap meet** — Saturday at **9:00 a.m.** at the picnic tables
- **Reenactor parking pass**
- **Registration forms** for military reenactors and civilians
- Forms for **organizations and nonprofit groups**, available upon request

All participants are encouraged to check www.hbhistory.org/civilwar regularly for the latest orders and updates before reporting to the event.

Orders of the Day

1. Park Entry

The park will open to reenactors at **12:00 noon on Friday**. **Do not form a line before that time**, as the entrance must remain clear for park personnel and those with authorized early access.

2. Reenactor and Artillery-Trailer Parking

The designated parking area is located at the **northwest corner of Ellis Avenue and Goldenwest Street**. RVs are permitted.

Write your **cell phone number** on your parking pass and keep the pass clearly displayed whenever your vehicle is in the park or reenactor lot.

3. Vehicle Access

Reenactor vehicles may enter the park for camp setup. All vehicles must clear the park by:

- **9:30 a.m. Saturday**
- **9:00 a.m. Sunday**

4. Civilian Town

Those wishing to establish quarters in Civilian Town must reserve a location by emailing hbhistory@aol.com **no later than Thursday**.

5. Saturday Mess

The HBHS Food Stand will remain open until **7:00 p.m. Saturday**. A reenactor dinner will be served in addition to the regular menu.

6. Camp Sanitation

Cardboard trash bins are not permitted. Trash bags will be issued at registration.

All camp refuse must be bagged, kept discreetly within camp, and deposited in the dumpsters throughout the weekend. **Company commanders are responsible for ensuring their camps comply.**

7. Battlefield Cleanup

Following each engagement, all troops are expected to help **police the field**. Spectators will not be permitted onto the battlefield until cleanup is complete.

8. Shuttle Service

Shuttle operations will begin at **3:00 p.m. Friday** and resume on **Saturday and Sunday mornings**.

9. Protection of Park Grounds

Do not drive on the grass. Damage to the irrigation system creates unnecessary expenses for HBHS—funds that are better used in support of the event and its participants.

10. Military Procedures and Safety Regulations

The Huntington Beach Civil War Days **Military Procedures and Safety Regulations** are posted on the event website.

Every reenactor is required to read and observe these regulations. Strict attention to safety and proper military procedure will help ensure an orderly, successful, and enjoyable event both in camp and on the field.

Please circulate this dispatch among your units, commands, and reenactor email lists. Wide distribution will help the Huntington Beach Historical Society assemble the strongest possible turnout.

Questions may be directed to me at any time. We look forward to welcoming you to Huntington Beach, seeing the camps filled, and taking the field together for an outstanding **2026 Civil War Days**.

Until then, safe travels—and we'll see you in formation.

Respectfully,

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