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have something. Review of various CW forums indicated a variety of views of the event. Hopefully someone from South California that went back can give us their view point.

Marching Through Time

by Pvt. Mike Bazzo

This event was held in Chino on October 22 and 23. The following AAR is provided for your reading enjoyment.

" On Saturday, a mist hung low over the battlefield for most of the day and kept the mild temperature constant. I fell in with some boys from the 33rd Virginia, the 5th Georgia and some called the 3rd Engineers. In total, we numbered about 15 strong. All very friendly, able-bodied and determined to take it to the yanks for the cause. After drill, one of the day's highlights was a "pass in review" parade. All units from every era assembled on the parade grounds in presentation order, which was no small feat of coordination in itself! Something from John Phillip Souza blared from the loudspeakers and was moving as the American colors hoisted by the present day Marines passed the review stand but seems oddly out of place as the Romans went by! A sizeable crowd of several hundred was present to cheer us on. After the units had passed and reformed on the parade grounds, the colors of each state carried by various youth groups went by as the order to present arms rang out. It was a moving moment.

Only one civil war battle marked the afternoon and as luck would have it, those yank dogs chose a surprise attack as our brave Southern boys relaxed uncoutered in camp. The Yankee skirmishers took out one of own before we could muster but thanks to determination and training we were able to raise arms quickly

and drive back the onslaught of the approaching blue hoard. The battle line raged back and forth for what seemed an eternity. Not only did our boys see the Elephant, they were nearly trampled by it as many were cut down like wheat under the farmer's scythe. The Yankees even attempted an all out charge to engage us in hand to hand combat but failed as they were decimated by our accurate musketry. In the end, we drove into their artillery line and won the day!

It was a great day for the Southern Cause and a very enjoyable afternoon making new acquaintances and absorbing the rich history from reenactors representing many different eras."