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CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS THE MUSEUM!

The Civilian Conservation Corps was established on March 21, 1933, by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as a work relief program in order to help the economy come out of the depression. The program helped hundreds of thousands of young men find work and send money to their families. Today, the legacy is embossed forever in a museum, developed on the historic grounds of Camp San Luis Obispo. It houses four barracks documenting and displaying artifacts and memorabilia related to the history and operations of all conservation corps that operated in California.

Inside the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) building, the museum's historian has assembled over a hundred binders containing photos of the "CCC Boys" in camps - including documentation of the camp locations and the work they've done.

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CORPSMEMBER SPOTLIGHT Colton "Mountain Man" Kegeler

Salutations Ladies and gentlemen. Please say hello to Colton "Mountain Man" Kegeler. Colton joined the CCC 3 months ago and is starting his fourth month. Colton said he joined because he is interested in conservation and the preservation of the earth. A friend told him about the CCC, and he decided it sounded like something he really wanted to do. Aside from aspiring to be a red hat (he is currently working on his pipeline), Colton is expanding his general knowledge of conservation through this program. He is working towards the AmeriCorps scholarship, and will finish shortly with his volunteer hours need for this scholarship. Colton will use the scholarship to return to school and take medical type courses, such as First-Aid, CPR, and EMT training. He said he is unsure of his major, but he's going to focus on the aforementioned courses for the time being. Colton, we thank you for your time, and wish you the best in future endeavors. Good Luck finding that major..—*Andrew Coll*

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*To the right.....Colton
"Mountain Man" Kegeler
Corpsmember Spotlight*



Communications-Talk at the GRIT!

ATTENTION CORPS-MEMBERS, the GRIT has decided to put in this nifty little corner as a shout out box. Here, Corpsmembers make a shout out or important announcement to anyone they want. Such as birthdays, cars for sale, shout outs to people at other centers. The only thing we ask, is that you don't abuse

this corner and ask us to put in meaningless messages. With that being said, Jennifer Dulay, our Conservation Supervisor has been looking to put together a Corpsmember Advisory Board. Positions needed are President, Vice President, Secretary, & Board members. We will have further details as soon as possible. Please see Newspaper staff or Jennifer

Dulay..

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"A lot of people out there, get their fun from laughing someone down. Because the easiest way to feel big is to make someone else feel small." Don't be the one to lower another's self-esteem

A view on people and the world

As much as I'd like to point out all the "great" that people do, I'm held back by reality. I am forced to speak of what I see. Shamefully, we're consumed by greed.

Not a day goes by that I don't witness selfishness, sexism, and oppression in some form. I do not exclude myself from this. It leads me to understand why our country is already on the downfall, and is headed for a complete collapse. Everyone it seems, wants to close their eyes, go with the flow, and hope someone else will save them. The truth of the matter is that we must take hold of the situation ourselves, and pull it back up the metaphoric hill. It's no simple task. I know you're looking for betterment in the world, as am I and every other person I know. So do something! You will see the results in you immediately and over time, in society

SARA K.



Do You Like Good Music...

Well corpsmembers, another year has gone by and so has another great year in the wonderful world we call music. I'm not gonna beat around the bush, so let me get down to the rants and raves you guys have been waiting for. Best Metal Album of the Year closing goes to Des Moines, Iowa's own, Slipknot. Now these guys have been in the biz for quite some time, so I was not surprised when I went to listen to their fourth release "All Hope Is Gone". Its got everything you expect and more, from the face melting solos, to the bone crushing breakdowns, no stone goes unturned with the masked 9. So be sure to catch them March 10th at the Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario, CA. Now for the more sane realm of music,

don't worry hip hop lovers, I've got you peeps covered. I'm encouraging you guys to break out of the mainstream and start digging down, yeah, I'm talking underground. Of course, I'm going to point you in the direction of the hip hop masters and originators, The Wu Tang. No matter how old this album gets, "36 Chambers" is without a doubt, one of the greatest yet. Its got "beats ta def" and rhymes you could only wish you understand. A lot of you already know about the "rawkus", but if you don't, all I can say is "bring it". That's my picks of the month, and I'm sticking to it. Experience the music and share the wealth.—

Harvey Piggee



MUSIC REVIEW

CCC Museum Cont.

The room also displays letters sent to and from home as well as discharge papers and more. So if you want to do research on the CCC you can go check out that building.

The Conservation Corps Institute (CCI) building holds information about the youth corps movement spanning the decades from the 1930's to the present. You can find literature about the different programs from the AmeriCorps program to the California Conservation Corps and many of the (11) local corps programs.

The California Conservation Corps Building is dedicated to documenting the achievements of the present day corps programs through out California including both the Local Corps and the CCC. If you happen to be in the San Luis Obispo area, this is a must see archive of the legacy of the Conservation Corps movement in the Golden State.

Andrea Hernandez



Typical early CCC barrack layout

Staff Spotlight; Tracy Thompson

Say hello to CCC recruiter Tracy Thompson. Tracy came to the CCC 11 months ago. When we asked her why she applied for and took the job, she said at the time she was looking for a state job and this was perfect. Tracy has 7 years of recruitment experience and a Bachelors Degree in Business Marketing. When asked about the challenges, of this job, Tracy said there were a few. Traveling and scheduling being the two main ones. She has to schedule traveling, orientations, and time to be at the schools for orientations. The best thing about her job, she said, is getting to meet new

people all the time. We asked Tracy what she looked for in potential corpsmembers, (yes, recruiters actually look for specific things, they don't hire just anybody). She said she looks for a willingness to be of service to the state, the right attitude, and the willingness to work in the environment. Finally we asked her to give us some of the best and worst reason people give for wanting to join the corps. Below are the 3 answers we got. "So I can help the state with anything needed and get my G.E.D. and go to school." "I want to better my life and give back to the community at

the same time." "Cuz my friend said they'd hire anybody." The last reason is the worst one she's heard, Tracy said. She actually does say no to people, believe it or not. For a reason like that, we don't blame her. Tracy, thank you for your time. Keep up the good work. .



Tracy Thompson

Andrew Coll

Poetry Corner

Lost Dreams

My love for
You has faded.
It once rose
With the sun.
Now it sets
With the moon.
There is no
Easy way to
Say these sorrowful
Words.
And I mourn
That these must
Be said.
However, it must
End.
Now as we
Part our ways,
My heart aches.
I feel a
Piece of my
Soul is lost.
One that will
Never be found.
My dreams now
Return to be
Numbered among the
Stars.



Pomona C.O.M.E.T Corpsmembers learn CPR techniques in First Aid Class. Corpsmembers left to right; David Jensen; Sylvia Gholar; Leonard Woods

look simply for the ambiance, especially for the loyal zombie fans out there. Beyond the value of its novelty, Left 4 Dead accomplishes a great deal by simply being fun. From the moment you start the game, you are greeted with the sheer awesomeness of blasting zombies as you work your way toward safety. Special undead, with abilities such as summoning hordes of zombies or grabbing you with their tongue and dragging you hundreds of feet, provide an interesting variation on the standard zombie. Another impressive feature of the game is the artificial intelligence. Your AI partners will do an extremely good job of following simple commands (issued through a chat wheel) and keeping undead off your back. And because the AI partners may not be able to follow complex plans or avoid stupidity on occasion, you can always have your friends take their

place. The various difficulties also provide a wide array of challenge levels, so players of all skills should be able to fully enjoy the game. While Left 4 Dead is a fun experience overall, it does have some noticeable flaws. The biggest problem with the game is its length; playing on a comfortable difficulty, the game can probably be finished in about four hours. The game also lacks significant replay value; the levels are fixed, and besides killing more zombies, there's not much reason to replay a level. The graphics are rather dull, and the weapons are unrealistic and lack any variety. Still, the game is certainly worth the price tag if killing zombies is your thing. And even if you're not into the zombie genre, the game is still worth a look...just beware of some of the serious shortcomings.

—Anthony Hernandez~



Gamer Review

LEFT 4 DEAD

Left 4 Dead has filled a very unique niche in gaming; it stands as one of the few games to attempt the portrayal of zombie apocalypse in the manner of an action game. For this reason alone Left 4 Dead is worth a