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Civil War re-enactment thrills large audience

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Cannons flashed and roared amid sporadic musket fire as the Nevada Civil War Volunteers staged two exciting battles at the Mineral County High School football field. The group performed an early afternoon battle and an evening battle on May 16.

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The group also allowed a public tour the camp and the



Union Army fires a salvo at the Confederate Army at Mineral County High School on Saturday. (Stephen Tool photo)

opportunity to ask questions during the day.

NCWA president, Robert Burr, said he had never visited Hawthorne except to eat on trips to and from Las Vegas. “I really enjoyed Armed Forces day; it was a totally new experience for me.”

The Confederacy won the morning battle while in the evening performance, the Union emerged victorious. It also resulted in the capture of Burr in his Confederate uniform.

Burr expressed satisfaction at the turnout for the battle. “I was gratified that so many people came by to visit and thrilled that so many people came out to watch.”

The group has no plan yet to return for Armed Forces Day weekend next year. “Who knows, it’s possible. We had two people who wanted to join down there,” Burr said.

Burr called the performances and turnout a success. “It was fun to go down and perform in Hawthorne because we got to do this in front of an audience who hadn’t seen us before. That was probably the most gratifying

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aspect of it," Burr said.

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