

First California Hussar Regiment

Program Introduction to 2010 WEG planning and event coordinating event committee members, Kathy Hopkins and Layson Griffin

Dear Kathy and Layson.

This letter is a follow up to Daunna Sellers email communication to introduce the First California Hussar Regiment to you for a possible participation at WEG.

This organization was founded in 2001 in California as a none-profit organization for public entertainment and education.



The regiment's purpose is to commemorate the founding of the US Cavalry by Commandant Michael Kovats for George Washington in 1776 and to preserve the pageantry and the equestrian traditions for today's generations to see.

Michael Kovats was born Hungarian but became American by choice like many of the riders. The group performs musical rides to classical music. The segments of the ride are part of the standard International Drill Team maneuvers, usually performed with 8 or 12 riders. The uniforms are exact replicas of the 1848 era Hussar uniforms and if ladies ride in the group than long, decorative dresses are worn from the similar time period. The horses to be ridden are all **Shagya-Arabians from Kentucky**. These rare horses were the most coveted mounts for the light cavalry at that time.

The routine is 6-8 minutes long and done at a canter or a trot.

The First California Hussar Regiment would like to perform at the WEG with the sponsorship of the ASAV – American Shagya-Arabian Verband, Inc. as part of the entertainment for the education and the entertainment of the visitors.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely:

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