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President's Letter

When I was in grade school, we had a picture of Abraham Lincoln on the wall. Under it it said, "The Great Emancipator." Only recently in a North & South Magazine did I actually read the final Emancipation Proclamation. In 20 years of studying the Civil war I had never read it. So here it is.

Emancipation Proclamation

Final Draft, January 1, 1863

*By the President of the Unites States of America:
A Proclamation.*

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the Unites States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will; on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall
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then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any state, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such States, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States.”

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purposed so to do publicly proclaim for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United states, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. Johns, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Laforche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designed States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

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And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believe to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: Abraham
Lincoln

William H. Seward, Secretary of
State

Upcoming Programs

28 Apr. Craig Gains
"Cherokee Indians in the
Civil War"

This covers an area seldom heard about in Civil War discussions. I'm looking forward to it. See page 4.

26 May Ray Bisio
"Day 3 at Gettysburg"

30 Jun Ted Stahr
"The Myths and Misconceptions of the Civil War."

28 July Stephen Beck
"C.W. Thompson & the Civil War"

25 Aug. George Martin
"43rd Tenn. Regiment (CSA)"

29 Sept. Paul Wagstaffe
"Reconstruction"

27 Oct. Dennis Kohlmann
"Election of 1864"

1 Dec Open

Brig. Gen Albert Pike (CSA)



"Pike was a fat, eccentric Arkansas politician without any military experience or ability. At the outset of the war he had negotiated treaties between the Confederacy and the Five Civilized Tribes that authorized the tribes to organize their own home guard units for protection against a possible Federal invasion from Kansas. The result was the formation of the 1st and 2nd Cherokee Mounted Rifles, the 1st Choctaw and Chickasaw Mounted Rifles, the 1st Creek,

and assorted battalions and companies."¹

Though poorly trained and armed, mounted mostly on ponies and not supposed to be used outside Indian Territory without their consent, Van Dorn "ordered Pike to prepare the Indians to participate in the planned invasion of Missouri."²

"The Cherokees were the largest of the five 'civilized tribes' (the others were the Chickasaws, Choctaws, Creeks and Seminoles). Earlier in the century, whites in the Southeastern states had driven most of these Indians from their ancestral lands, and the government had resettled them in the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma).³ While some chiefs did make treaties with the Confederacy, "about half of the Indians in the civilized tribes remained loyal to the Union. In general, the full-blooded Indians stayed with the Union and the 'half-breeds' went with the Confederacy. Some of the latter owned Negro slaves."⁴

Most of the fighting was in the Indian Territory with the exception of Pea Ridge

¹ Shea, William L. & Hess, Earl J. *Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West*. Chapel Hill, NC, 1992, page 23-25.

² Ibid; page 23-25.

³ McPherson, James M. *Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction*, 2nd Ed. McGraw Hill, Inc. 1992, page 230.

⁴ Ibid; page 230.

A Report On The 8th Annual Knight's Ferry Re- Enactment

by George W. Foxworth

The American Civil War Association (ACWA) 2004 re-enactment season began on March 20-21 in historic Knight's Ferry, California. The ACWA invited the National Civil War Association (NCWA) and both clubs were combined for the weekend. Ray Bisio of the ACWA was the Master of Ceremonies.

Also attending were Phillip Blake and various members of The Stanislaus Civil War Association. From the Sacramento Civil War Round Table, the attendees were John Zasso, John Nevin, and George W. Foxworth.

Knight's Ferry is administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and includes an 1860's mill, a covered bridge, hills, and the Stanislaus River. The site accommodated the camps, horses, cannons, soldiers, civilians, and other attendees. In addition, the theater-type hillside gave a bird's eye view of the entire battlefield. In addition, for the first time in a few years, the rain god was absent. The conditions were dry and hot, in other words, excellent.

The 2004 kick-off event was a complete success and the ACWA and NCWA are commended for their great work. We look ahead to the 2005 event, sometime in early Spring.

LINCOLN'S STEPMOTHER, 1819

Nancy lasted one week.
Her husband and daughter
piled blankets
on the dying woman; by the end
my best friend couldn't
speak. But her last word
had been my name. She wanted
me to guide and care for
her family, especially
her son. Everything
about that boy was long:
his legs, his fingers,
even his name,
Abraham. He was only nine
when he laid a bunch
of the brightest
autumn leaves he could find
next to her bed. Only Abe
remembered how his mother
loved the colors. He made
a bed of red and gold leaves
for the coffin built by
Nancy's carpenter husband.
Fourteen months later
the carpenter brought me
to his home, saying,
"Nancy loved you,
too." It was easy
to become friends with
the daughter. She was glad
to have a woman's help
to mop up the grief, and
she was starved. It took
longer with Abe.
He was grateful
when I made supper, soap
or candles. He was grateful
for new pants, grateful
for the gift of his first
dictionary. But his eyes
never lit
till I offered to help
plant sweet pinks
on my friend's grave.

-- Kit Knight

20th ANNUAL WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

Presents

THE SEVEN DAYS, THE 1862 PENINSULA CAMPAIGN (June 25 through July 1, 1862)

and a Tribute to Jerry Russell, founder of the
West Coast Civil War Conference

Date: November 5, 6 & 7, 2004

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Modesto, California
Host: The Stanislaus Civil War Association

Speakers/Historians:

Robert Krick
Robert E. Lee Krick
Craig Symonds
Jim Stanbery

The conference will highlight the campaign that
transformed the Army of Northern Virginia into
Lee's Army, and sealed the fate of General George
McClellan.

Contact:

The Stanislaus Civil War Association
P.O. Box 578512
Modesto, Ca. 95357-8512

or
Phillip Blake, Event Chairman
(209) 578-5748

Plan now for an event that will celebrate the history of the
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(Includes Friday evening dinner, Saturday
Luncheon and Dinner, and three day conference.)

Early Registration: \$150
(through September 30, 2004)

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Regular Registration: \$165
(After September 30, 2004)

☐

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

Friday Only: \$50
(Includes dinner and conference)

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Saturday Only: \$100
(Includes luncheon, dinner and conference)

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Sunday Only: \$50
(Includes conference)

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Additional guest meal tickets:

Friday Dinner Only: \$40

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Saturday Luncheon Only: \$25

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Saturday Dinner Only: \$40

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Total Registration Fees: \$ _____

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Send completed form with your check payable to:

SCWA (Stanislaus Civil War Association)
1210 Trombeta Avenue
Modesto, CA 95350

MINUTES

SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004

SIZZLER RESTAURANT, 2030 FULTON AVE., SACRAMENTO

ATTENDANCE- 27

Members - 24

Dennis Kohlmann, President
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 George Foxworth, Treasurer
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 Jim Harper
 Edie Keister

Mary Lou Lentz
 Earl Martin
 Virginia Martin
 Maurice Mitchell
 Betty Mitchell
 Paul Ruud
 Rudy Schafer

Brad Schall
 Susan Williams
 Maxine Wollen
Guests -3
 Phil Avila
 Kyle Glasson
 B. Scherr

1. President Kohlmann called to order at 7:08, welcomed guests, members and speakers and surveyed audience to ascertain numbers who ate dinner since management desires a change in financial arrangements. He then reviewed this date in Civil War History. A list was circulated asking for several more Gibson Ranch volunteers.
2. Phil Avila then presented his program of Yankee Songs and Rebel Tunes. Interspersed with sparkling repartee, Phil played numerous pre-war and war-time songs, most of which were familiar to the audience, which was invited to sing along. Stephen Foster, Dan Emmett, and Julia Ward Howe were in evidence and Phil's scholarship was very apparent and greatly appreciated. Thanks to Phil for an enjoyable evening.
3. The raffle followed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38

ANSWERS to Names, nicknames and Nonsense in March

A) 17	I) 20	Q) 41	Y) 48	GG) 5	OO) 40	WW) 15
B) 10	J) 22	R) 7	Z) 23	HH) 11	PP) 1	XX) 9
C) 8	K) 36	S) 2	AA) 39	II) 28	QQ) 18	YY) 17
D) 37	L) 26	T) 4	BB) 38	JJ) 44	RR) 46	
E) 34	M) 9	U) 32	CC) 6	KK) 3	SS) 25	
F) 40	N) 42	V) 30	DD) 43	LL) 14	TT) 19	
G) 47	O) 33	W) 21	EE) 13	MM) 45	UU) 29	
H) 16	P) 24	X) 27	FF) 12	NN) 31	VV) 35	

[Collected and compiled by Walt Bittle – 2001]

<u>Answers for The Spice of Life in March</u>			
3 Sarah Knox Taylor	2 Mary Anna Morrison	4 Matty Ready	11 Mary Boykin
2 Elinor Junkin	7 Mary Anna Custis	3 Varina Howell	1 La Salle Corbell
8 Julia Dent	9 Harriet Beecher	6 Margaretta Sergeant	12 Mary Todd
10 Ellen Ewing	5 Ellen Marcy	1 Sally Minge	1 Morning Mist

SCWRT Board Meeting

April 14, 2004

Carrow's Restaurant

Walt Bittle

Arthur Knight

Jim Middleton

George Foxworth

Kit Knight

Paul Ruud

Don Hayden

Dennis Kohlmann

Susan Williams

1. There was some discussion about the new requirements being imposed by the Sizzler Restaurant. It was moved, seconded, and carried to pay the \$30 monthly to the Sizzler. Members were asked to be on the lookout for a likely place to move the meeting – at some time in the future.
2. The agenda for the year was reviewed, December being the only month not tied down – Kit Knight is working on a speaker for that program. Craig Graves will speak in April, and Ray Bisio will speak in May. Dennis is trying to confirm that Ted Savas will speak in June.
3. There was some discussion about the upcoming event at Gibson Ranch. We have sufficient group leaders for the Friday activity, and volunteers signed up to man the booth on Saturday and Sunday. Dennis Kohlmann is still in need of information about the Battle of the Crater, on which he will be speaking at the event.
4. Don Hayden volunteered to replace Walt Bittle as Secretary when Walt leaves in July. Dennis will look into appointing/electing a new board member (or Secretary, if Don decides not to continue).
5. Dennis asked members for any information about education in the mid 1800's. He would appreciate any letters written during that time.
6. George Foxworth shared the brochure he has produced. It was moved, seconded, and carried to order at least 100 copies in black-and-white and another 10 copies in color. (George praised Susan Williams, Fred Bohmfalk, and Bob Williams for their help with the brochure. But we all know it was due to the efforts and persistence of George that finally made it happen. What would we do without George Foxworth?)

Walt Bittle
Secretary