Battle Cry

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ELECTIONS

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table will hold elections for officers for 2004 on Wed. October 29, 2003. Nominations from the floor are welcome. Current officers are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

Nominees for Officers in 2004

Office	Name
President	Dennis Kohlmann
Vice-President	Kit Knight
Secretary	Walt Bittle
Treasurer	George Foxworth
Member-at-large	Susan Williams
Member-at-large	Don Hayden
Webmaster	Bernardo Buenrostro
Editor	Jim Middleton

Upcoming Programs

October 29th Paul Wagstaffe on *The Expanded Constitution.*

December 3rd Susan Williams on *A Civil War Photographer.*

Presidents Message:

This Battle Cry Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Edward Floyd Pico, a long time Sacramento Civil War Round Table (SCWRT) member, the Sacramento Light Artillery, a sister organization to the SCWRT, and other Civil War Reenactor Organizations. In addition, Ed was part of a small group who kept the SCWRT alive throughout the 1980's. However, Ed was active in the SCWRT throughout the 1990's and up to 2001. In November 2000, the SCWRT hosted the 16th Annual West Coast Conference at which Ed was a participant. Ed was active with his reenactor organizations until the end. He will be missed by all. For other information on Ed, please see the articles later in this newsletter.

I really enjoyed the presentation on Petaluma and Santa Rosa. As I pointed out before the presentation started, California was very evenly split in the 1860 election; 32.32% for Lincoln, 28.35% for Breckenridge and 31.71% for Douglas. The two speakers brought up the point that people tended to migrate to places where they knew someone. As a result Santa Rosa residents tended to be from a certain part of the South, people in

Petaluma were from New England and people in Healdsburg were southern again. I wish I could find a web site that showed the election of 1860 in California by counties. This would be very interesting. Another good thing about this presentation was that the presenters were from a sister Civil War Round Table. Later this year I will be going to Santa Rosa to speak.

The current topic in California is the recall election. I am writing this the Saturday before the election. It makes me think about the most critical election in America's history,
the election of 1864. In that election Lincoln could not win. It was up to the democrats to lose. They got off to a good start by nominating Gen. McClellan as their presidential nominee. They put a Copperhead on the ticket for vice president. To make matters worse, they let the most notorious Copperhead, Congressman Clement Vallandigham write the platform unopposed. It said the war was a mistake, the North should make peace with the South and the South could keep slavery. Poor McCellan spent most of his time apologizing and saying that that was not what he believed or intended to do. The damage was done. Four out of five soldiers voted for Lincoln. They loved McCellan but could not stomach the goals of the democratic party.

While the electoral votes were 212 for Lincoln and 21 for McClellan, the popular vote was much closer with 2.2 million votes for Lincoln and 1.8 million for McClellan.

EDWARD FLOYD PICO, A REMEMBRANCE

by George W. Foxworth

Edward Floyd Pico, age 71, died Friday, September 12, 2003, after a long illness. Ed was born in French Camp, California on January 18, 1932 and died in Stockton, CA.

Ed is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sharon; three daughters, Debbie Vetter, Lani Madrid, and Cindy Curry; seven grandchildren, Joey and Jason Vetter, Johnnie, Dannie, and Matt Madrid, Joshua and Andrew Curry; three great grandchildren; other family members; friends; and colleagues.

Ed was honored with a Civil War funeral on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at the De Young Shoreline Chapel in Stockton, CA. Pastor John Redin ministered the service and Ed was honored with a host of Civil War Reenactors from the 3rd United States Artillery. Ed was well known in Civil War circles, such as the California Historical Artillery Society (CHAS), Civil War Skirmish Association (CWSA), National Civil War Association (NCWA), and Sacramento Civil War Round Table.

The funeral began when the 3rd US Artillery marched to the Chapel with a horse-drawn limber and artillery piece. The colors led the way and the 3rd US Artillery followed. The Captain of the Guard took a folded flag from the limber into the Chapel and the attendees followed the colors into the Chapel. With songs and prayers, much was said about Ed's contribution to the various Civil War Organizations, his church, and the community

in general. The funeral concluded outside the Chapel with a 21-gun salute using Civil War style muskets. (The City of Stockton would not give a permit to fire the cannon that accompanied the 3rd US Artillery.) Attending the funeral from the SCWRT were Fred Bohmfalk, Gene Morrow, Ross Carle, and George W. Foxworth.

After the funeral, a reception was held at Ed's home. It was there that I was introduced to Lani Madrid, Ed's middle daughter. My thanks to Ms. Madrid for her help and kindness in writing this article. Without her assistance, I would not have been able to write this Remembrance.

I met Ed in February 1993 and I immediately joined the SCWRT. Ed was the Treasurer and I paid my dues to him. Little did I know that I would become the Treasurer a year later and Ed would pay his dues to me. The day after the election, Ed took me to the Bank (The Golden 1 Credit Union) and transferred the account to me. He was very relieved and loved just being a member again. As reported to me by Ken Hansgen, Shiloh Guide and SCWRT Member, "Ed was part of a small group who kept the SCWRT alive throughout the 1980s." Ed had earned and deserved his respite. For years at SCWRT monthly meetings and Civil War reenactments, I saw and talked with Ed. He along with Ken Hansgen attended the 2000 West Coast Civil War Conference that the SCWRT sponsored. I saw Ed last at the 2002 Kearney Park Reenactment in Fresno. He talked about his illness but he talked mostly about the Civil War. I am lucky to have known Ed. I hope to serve the SCWRT as well as he did. I will miss Ed.

MY FRIEND, ED PICO

By Ken Hansgen, Shiloh Guide and SCWRT Member

I was not alone. I don't think Ed ever met anyone he didn't like; he had many friends.

I was introduced to Ed by a co-worker because of our mutual interest in Civil War history. We were both working for the California State Department of Health Services, at the "Twin Towers" in downtown Sacramento. Ed worked for the Sanitary Engineering Section regulating small public water systems and I worked in the Environmental Health Services Section regulating bivalve shellfish harvesting. Later, both of our offices were moved to the North edge of town into the old Continental can factory,

The first Civil War interest organization I joined was the Sacramento Civil War Round Table (SCWRT), at Ed's invitation. This was about 1988. SCWRT was a very small organization then, just struggling along, meeting upstairs in the old American Legion Building on 15th Street. Bob Hayes, a former State legislator working in the "Government Ethics Office" in the State Capitol, was President; John Kelly from the Department of Parks and Recreation was Secretary and Newsletter Editor; and other members were Rick Stevens and Colonel Bill Pond, United States Air Force, retired. Meetings were monthly, mostly with presentations by the few members and usually included some lively round table discussions.

Later, I joined the Civil War Skirmish Association (CWSA), and then the National Civil War Association (re-enactors), of which Ed was also a member. At reenactments, I usually visited with Ed at his camp with Battery L&M, 4th United States Artillery. Ed had his own cannon, an original cast iron gun with a steel barrel insert, of about 3-inch bore. I once talked him into taking it to the CWSA's range-he fired dog food cans filled with concrete at targets. He really was much more interested in firing it with blank loads at reenactments, however.

At work, for many years, I kept the alarm on my wristwatch set at 11:30 am so I could meet Ed for lunch. Often we ate out

somewhere in downtown Sacramento, or walked there after eating lunch in our building's cafeteria. These jaunts usually had something to do with our mutual interest, such as visits to pawn shops or old bookstores, looking for anything Civil War-related. For years after my retirement, even longer after Ed's retirement, my watch still beeped at 11:30 am.

Those days are gone, and now so is Ed. He'll be missed, but I and many others are richer for having had him as a friend.

A Report on The 14th Annual Civil War Reenactment at Kearney Park

By Gene Morrow and George W. Foxworth

In conjunction with the Fresno Historical Society, The National Civil War Association (NCWA) ended its 2003 reenactment season on October 3-5 at Historic Kearney Park in Fresno, California. The theme was the "Battle of Gettysburg," to honor the soldiers on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the Battle.

The NCWA is a private non-profit organization that uses "living history" to help the public to better understand the American Civil War. By portraying the manner in which the soldiers and civilians lived, worked, fought, and died during the Civil War era, the NCWA hopes to keep alive the spirit and sacrifice made by the men, women, and children of that time. On October 3rd (Friday), the NCWA and Fresno Historical Society hosted hundreds of students from Fresno area schools for a living history demonstration. The reenactment was Saturday and Sunday.

The highlight of the weekend was a Sunday Memorial Service for Chuck Fulks and Ed Pico. Mr. Fulks, most recently of Fall Creek Sutlery and the Norfolk Light Artillery, was a long-time NCWA member. Mr. Pico was a long-time Sacramento Civil War Round Table (SCWRT) Member, the Sacramento Light Artillery, a sister organization to the SCWRT, and other Civil War Reenactor Organizations, including the NCWA. The following was reported by Gene Morrow, NCWA and SCWRT Member:

The services were presided over by the ministers (not sure of their affiliation) from the three branches of the NCWA, Union, Confederate, and Civilian. With the full Union and Confederate Battalions drawn up in formation and a flag and flower draped caisson at center, a twenty-one gun salute was fired with combined Union and Confederate Artillery. Besides the prayers, much was said about the long service to the NCWA by both Ed and Chuck Fulks. At length, Ed's love of the Civil War and Reenacting and his easy going manner was mentioned. One speaker said that Ed would surely be waiting to greet us with a cannon salute as we arrive to join him. Among others, the services were attended by Ed's wife Sharon, his daughters, and his two reenactor grandsons (Jason and Joe) who are now grown and attended with their own children. Former SCWRT member and close friend Bob Hayes spoke of his fond memories of Ed as did several others present, including grandsons Joe and Jason. (I wanted to speak but was afflicted with tears for my good friend). Grandson Joe sought out close friends of Ed after the services and video-taped their remembrances at Sharon's request. I didn't find the second service any easier to handle than the first. [The first service was held on September 20, 2003, in Stockton, CA.]

The 2003 NCWA end of-the-season event was a complete success and the NCWA and Fresno Historical Society are commended for their great work. We look ahead to the 2004 season that begins in early spring and the 15th Annual Reenactment at Kearney Park. Sadly, we will miss Chuck Fulks and Ed Pico.

CIVIL WAR NATIONAL PARKS

Antietam National Battlefield 301-432-5124
PO Box 158
Sharpsburg MD 21782 www.nps.gov/anti/home

Appomattox Courthouse Natl. Historic Park 434-352-8987
PO Box 218
Appomattox VA 24522 www.nps.gov/apco/

Chickamauga and Chattanooga Natl. Military Park 706-866-9241
3370 Lafayette Road
Fort Oglethorpe GA 30742 www.nps.gov/chch/

Fort Donelson National Battlefield 931-232-5348
PO Box 434
Dover TN 37058 www.nps.gov/fodo/

Fort Sumter National Monument 843-883-3123
1214 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island SC 29482 www.nps.gov/fosu/

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Natl. Military Park 540-373-6122
120 Chatham Lane
Fredericksburg VA 22405 www.nps.gov/frsp/vc

Gettsyburg National Military Park 717-334-1124
97 Taneytown Road
Gettysburg PA 17325 www.nps.gov/gett/home

Harpers Ferry National Military Park 304-535-6298
PO Box 65
Harpers Ferry WV 25425 www.nps.gov/hafe/home

Manassas National Battlefield Park 703-361-1339
6511 Sudley Road
Manassas VA 22110 www.nps.gov/mana/home

Monocacy National Battlefield 301-662-3515
4801 Urbana Pike
Frederick MD 21704 www.nps.gov/mono/home

Pea Ridge National Military Park 501-451-8122
PO Box 700
Pea Ridge AR 72751 www.nps.gov/peri/

Petersburg National Battlefield 804-732-3531
1539 Hickory Hill Road
Petersburg VA 23803 www.nps.gov/pete/mahan/PNBhome

Richmond National Battlefield Park 804-226-1981
3215 East Broad Street
Richmond VA 23223 www.nps.gov/rich/home

Shiloh National Military Park 901-689-5696
Route 1 Box 9
Shiloh TN 38376 www.nps.gov/shil/

Stones River National Battlefield 615-893-9501
3501 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro TN 37129 www.nps.gov/stri/

Vicksburg National Military Park 601-636-0583
3201 Clay Street
Vicksburg MS 39183 www.nps.gov/vick/home

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield 417-732-2662
6424 West Farm Road 182
Republic MO 65738 www.nps.gov/wicr

Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Battle Summaries
www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/tvii

1. There are hundreds of Civil War sites on the internet – a recent search for "Robert E. Lee" produced 596,215 site matches. William G. Thomas and Alice E. Carter have published an excellent book: *The Civil War on the Web – A Guide to the Very Best Sites* (Scholarly Resources, 2001).

2. The information printed here was taken from reliable sources, but change is inevitable. Please let me know if you find an error, or if anything has changed since publication. Thanks, Walt Bittle. 10/10/03
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MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003
Sizzler Restaurant, 2030 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento

Attendance – 29

Members – 25

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Arthur Knight
Ken Lentz
Mary Lou Lentz
Jim Middleton
Betty Mitchell
Maurice Mitchell
Elvin Roach
Paul Ruud
Brad Schall
Bob Williams
John Zasso

Guests – 4

Charles Christian
Brad Friedman
Tom Gaffey
Bob McConnell

1. President Kohlmann opened the meeting with the sad announcement of the death of long-time member Ed Pico. After reviewing this day in Civil War history, new members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

2. Program – To introduce a three-part program, Bob McConnell of Citrus Heights talked about his visit to Biloxi MS and to Jefferson Davis's Presidential Library and Museum at Beauvoir. He distributed a very useful multi-part handout on the subject. Part Two of the program was handled by Tom Gaffey of Petaluma. He talked about "The Great Petaluma Invasion of Santa Rosa" – prior to the Civil War, but involving settlers who had originally come from the North and the South. Part Three was presented by Charles Christian of Santa Rosa, who talked about a "The Healdsburg Raid" around Petaluma during the Civil War. Thanks to all of our presenters for an excellent and varied evening.

3. Committee/Activity Reports
   a. The minutes of August 27 were approved as printed.
   b. Elections for officers will be held at the meeting of October 29. A proposed slate of officers was announced.
   c. Members were reminded about the upcoming Civil War conferences in Los Angeles – one October 17-18 and another November 7-8-9.

4. Adjournment – Following a well-stocked raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Walt Bittle
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance following the meeting of September 24 was $1859.85. Thanks to members and guests, the raffle brought in $53.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table meets the last Wednesday of every month except November and December. (A meeting is held either at the end of Nov. or the beginning of Dec.) We meet at the Sizzler 2030 Fulton Ave. Sacramento, CA (Near Fulton and Cottage Way) at 7:00PM. Members and guests gather for food and conversation at 6:00PM. The Board of Directors meets at Carrows, 29th and J St. at 11:30AM to 1:00PM on the Wed. two weeks before the regular meeting for that month.

Battle Cry Editor

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