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President's Message:

When I left the Hofbrau a couple weeks ago, I knew how many different people had put in an appearance in the "Rubber Room" during the night before Lincoln died. Now, the number is a bit blurred, were there 75 folks in that final "fake" photograph? I say fake because according to George, there were no actual photographs taken during that evening. I often wonder how much the earlier events at Ford's Theater changed history??? The Reconstruction era would have been different! Would Grant have followed Lincoln as president in 1868? Maybe a third term for Lincoln? Was Lincoln a more popular "war time" president than he would have been in "peace time?" A big thanks to George Beitzel for placing us in the Rubber Room – better redo that last picture and add another 40 or so people.

I will be out of town on our next meeting date, October 8th. Dennis Kohlmann will fill in for me as he does so ably. Either at that meeting or the following on November 12th, we will be electing a new slate of officers. It is a healthy sign when different members step up to run for an office – my thanks and compliments to all. Dr. Don Hayden has agreed to serve a second term as our president so there is no question that we will be strongly led in a healthy direction. Remember - additional nominations for officers may be made from the floor on election evening. There is one requirement – the person you nominate, if elected, must have agreed to serve.

Our October meeting will be the last one before the Fresno / Clovis Civil War Conference. Remember that Dennis Kohlmann is organizing carpools so if you prefer to enjoy the drive down with fellow members, give him a call. I counted 12 members at our last meeting who indicated they plan to attend. My guess is that there may be more than that? Remember the basic conference format – things kick off late Friday afternoon with registration, a social hour, then dinner and a keynote speech. Activities continue through the day and into the evening on Saturday. After a fairly early start on Sunday, the conference winds up about noon or shortly after. These conferences are always educational and fun – their future in this area looks a little shaky so be sure to sign up and enjoy.

The lights have been burning late into the evening at the Savas residence in El Dorado Hills. Why you ask? Ted has been polishing his presentation on Lincoln and Davis at War. Ted's history and my instincts tell me that this presentation will have been well worth the wait. Glad that you're feeling better Ted. Meet your friends at the Hofbrau on the 8th – come early and stay late!

Paul Ruud President

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance following the September 10, 2008 meeting was \$2,400.78. Thanks to Dennis Kohlmann, other members, and guests, the raffle brought in \$58.00.

George Foxworth, Treasurer

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008
HOF BRAU RESTAURANT, WATT AVE, SACRAMENTO, CA

Attendance-27

Members-26

Paul Ruud, President	Mitchell Cnota	Maurice Mitchell
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Roy Bishop	Jim Middleton, Editor	Susan Williams
Ardith Cnota	Betty Mitchell	<u>Guest-1</u>
		John McCroy

1. Meeting started at 7:02. There was a show of hands for members who will be attending the conference in Fresno in November. President Ruud gave a short trivia quiz on Confederate States. I must confess, we are quite brilliant.
2. Member George Beitzel presented the long awaited (well, not that long), "Rubber Room," which entailed the expanding number of visitors to the room where Lincoln died. Pages of pictures were passed out to follow along. His wife Joan B. shared an actual page from Godey's book, circa 1864. George sold copies of "Lincoln's Death Bed" and donated the money to our club. Thanks George and Joan for your generosity and speaking talents.
3. Raffle held and meeting ended at 8:35.

Eddie Keister—Secretary

Coming Programs 2008		
Date	Speaker	Topic
Oct. 8 th	Ted Savas	"Lincoln and Davis at War"
Nov. 12 th	Tim Carlsberg	"Acting as Capt. of CA 100"
Dec. 10 th	Brad Schall	"Political Climate in 1860 California"
Jan. 14 th	Paul Ruud	"Antebellum West Point"

The San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table, American Legion Post 147 of Clovis, the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, and Civil War Round Table Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas, in memory of Jerry Russell, invite you to the

24th Annual West Coast
Civil War Round Table Conference
November 7-9, 2008
Clovis, California
(adjacent to and northeast of Fresno)

"Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley"

Featuring:

Robert K. Krick, Jeffry Wert, Jim Stanbery, Peter Cozzens, Evan Jones, Don and Bill Bennett, David Paul Davenport, and Emily and Olivia Moats, in a one-act play based on the Civil War diaries of Laura Lee, Secessionist, and Julia Chase, a Unionist, residents of Winchester, Virginia.

The Brass Band of the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will regale registrants with music of the period on Friday the 7th before dinner.

A special showing of Shenandoah with Jimmy Stewart will be presented in the barely a year old theater/auditorium of the Veterans Memorial Building on Friday the 7th at 9 pm.

An optional tour on Saturday the 8th from 9 am to noon features a tour of the Fresno home of Dr. Meux (portrayed by Charles Baley), an assistant surgeon in the 9th Tennessee Vol. Inf. (C.S.A.) who moved to Fresno after losing his slaves and other valuables as a result of the war, and a tour to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial and internments of Union Veterans of the War at Fresno's Mountain View Cemetery, led by G.A.R. historian Fred Bohmfalk of Elk Grove.

Bloody Shenandoah, narrated by Burgess Meredith, will be shown at approximately 9 p.m. Following the Keynote Address after dinner on Saturday the 8th.

Hundreds of books will be for sale, information about a tour of the Shenandoah Valley in 2009 will be available, and civil war artifacts and weaponry will be displayed.

Comfort Suites (143 Clovis Ave, 559-299-9992) and Best Western Clovis Cole (415 Clovis Ave, 559-299-1547) hotels in Old Town Clovis have reserved blocks of rooms for us at only \$109.00 for a double room. Ask for the Civil War Conference Rate. The meeting will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building at Hughes and 6th less than two blocks from the two hotels. The registration fee of \$175.00, includes six meals (Dinner Friday the 7th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday the 8th, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday the 9th).

The Program:

Friday, November 7th Registration. Foyer of the Veterans Memorial Building, Clovis, CA. Pre-dinner socializing. Book tables open, tour information available. Performance, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Military Band of the Central California Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
6 p.m. to 6:45
6:55 p.m. Presentation of the Colors, Civil War Re-enactment Society.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner, prepared by American Legion Post 147
8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Keynote Address: Jim Stanbery, Los Angeles Harbor College "The Importance of the Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, 1860 - 65." 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. "Shenandoah", a movie starring Jimmy Stewart, in the theater.

Saturday, November 8th

7:30 a.m. to 9 am 9 Breakfast, prepared by a local Boy Scout Troop.
a.m. to 9:40 "The Lethality of Civil War Weapons", Don and Bill Bennett.
10 am to 10:40 "Two Women of Winchester," a one-act play by David Paul Davenport, featuring the Moats sisters, Emily and Olivia, as Laura Lee and Julia Chase, residents of Winchester who kept diaries.
11 am to 11:40 "Jackson before Cross Keys and Port Republic," Peter Cozzens. Lunch, prepared by American Legion Post 147.
12 noon
1 p.m. to 1 :40 Keynote Address: Robert K. Krick. "Who could not conquer with such troops as these?": Cross Keys and Port Republic.
"A Season of Politics, Blunders and Scorched Earth - The Union Renews the Valley War", David Paul Davenport.
"From Lynchburg to Washington: Jubal Early takes Command," Jeffrey Wert.
5 p.m. to 5:15 Jack Tacchino, "Visiting Civil War Sites, 2009."
5:15 p.m. to 7 Socializing, Book tables open, etc.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner
8 p.m. to 8:45 Keynote Address: Jeffrey Wert: "The Last Great Gamble," from 3rd Winchester to Cedar Creek.
Bloody Shenandoah, a movie, in the Theater.

Sunday, November 9th

7:30 to 8:45 Breakfast, prepared by local Boy Scout Troop.
9 a.m. to 9:40 "Unruly, Unreliable, and Unsuccessful: Confederate Cavalry in the Shenandoah Valley," Robert K. Krick.
10 a.m. to 10:40 "The Valley War in Modern Memory," Evan Jones.
11 a.m. to Noon "Preservation in the Shenandoah Valley," Robert K. Krick.
Noon Lunch.
1 p.m. Wrapping - up

Speaker's bios:

PETER COZZENS is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and the author or editor of sixteen books on the American Civil War and the Indian Wars of the American West. His This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga and The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles for Chattanooga were Main Selections of the History Book Club and were selected by Civil War Magazine as two of the 100 greatest books ever written on the war. The History Book Club called his five-volume Eyewitnesses to the Indian Wars the definitive work on the subject. Cozzens has also written several dozen articles as well as two National Park Service publications on the Civil War. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Lincoln Prize. Peter's most recent work, Shenandoah 1862: Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign, from the University of North Carolina Press, is scheduled for release in September, 2008.

ROBERT K. KRICK grew up in Northern California. For the past four decades he has lived and worked on east coast battlefields. For thirty years he was Chief Historian of the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park. Krick is the author of sixteen books and more than two hundred published articles. His Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain (University of North Carolina Press, 1990) won three national awards, including the Douglas Southall Freeman Prize for Best Book in Southern History. Krick's Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic (William Morrow & Co., 1996) was a main selection of the History Book Club and a selection of the Book of the Month Club. His latest book, from the University of Alabama Press (2007), is Civil War Weather in Virginia. During 2003-2006, Krick worked under contract on the National Museum of the Marine Corps, writing most of the words on the walls of that new museum.

JEFFRY WERT is a retired from Penns Valley High School in Spring Mills, Pennsylvania, having spent 33 years there as a history teacher. In 1999 he was named Pennsylvania's American History Teacher of the Year. When he was a 5th grader, he had a teacher--this in the 1950s--who had heard local Union Civil War veterans tell their stories. He related some of them to young Mr. Wert who was transformed into a Civil War buff. He is the author of many books including Mosby's Rangers, From Winchester to Cedar Creek: the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864 and Gettysburg Day Three. His bio of J.E.B. Stuart will be out in 2008.

JIM STANBERY is a professor of history and political science at Los Angeles Harbor College well-known on the Pacific Coast for his brilliant and entertaining lectures about numerous civil war topics. Jim will open the conference with a talk describing the importance of the Shenandoah Valley before and during the war.

EVAN JO:NES is a recent graduate of the University of Virginia where he studied under Gary Gallagher. He has spoken to Round Tables in several states on a variety of topics. The *SNCWRT* is proud to note that his first presentation was more than a decade ago at the age of 13 when he spoke to us about Antietam.

DON and BILL BENNETT are father and son collectors of Civil War memorabilia. They will discuss their firearm collection and how weaponry evolved during the conflict.

EMILY and OLIVIA MOATS are the grand-daughters of Ken and Barbara Moats, charter members of the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table. Both young women are quite knowledgeable about the War.

DAVID PAUL DAVENPORT received his Ph.D. From the University of Illinois, Urbana, in January, 1983, where he studied under O. Vernon Burton. He has been a member of the *SNCWRT* since 1992. He is program chair of this conference.

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"TAKING THE STUMP" OR STEPHEN IN SEARCH OF HIS MOTHER.

PLATE No. 3 "Taking the Stump" or Stephen in Search of His Mother, Currier and Ives, June, 1860

A Currier & Ives print captioned, Taking the Stump or Stephen in Search of His Mother, was issued in early July of 1860 when Douglas had become the regular Democratic candidate for President, Breckinridge the nominee of the Southern wing of that party, Bell the head of the Constitutional Union ticket and Lincoln the standard bearer of the Republicans. Douglas in the center, one leg in a stay, remarks: "Gentlemen, I am going to see my mother and solicit a little help. In running after a nomination I fell over a big lump of Breckinridge and have been very lame ever since."

Bell at the extreme left comments: "I think I will give him a trifle in New York currency," and Wise of Virginia, studying the crippled Douglas, adds: "He looks like a smart little fellow, and if I were not Wise, I would go my pile on him."

President Buchanan, at the rear and right of Douglas, advises Breckinridge: "Here Breck, as Douglas has taken the stump you must stump too," and Breckinridge responds: "Well, old Buck, if you say so I suppose I must, but I know it will be of no use, for I feel that I haven't a leg to stand on."

While Lincoln leaning on a rail fence at the extreme right with confident good humor hails the group: "Go it, ye cripples! Wooden legs are cheap, but stumping won't save you."