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by hand, mail or e-mail.

President's Message:

If I could push a button and have life revert to the early 1860's, I'd be heading down to volunteer for the Cal 100! What an interesting presentation – a nice change of pace that kept us on the edges of our seats! Our thanks to Tim and Ginny Karlberg for an excellent presentation and for sharing their Cal 100 memorabilia with us. Thanks to the Beitzels for the recommendation – Tim and Ginny had been highly applauded when they did more or less the same program for the Elk Grove CWRT.

When you come to our December 10th meeting, remember to put a few extra coins in the proverbial parking meter since there will be a Christmas season surprise to enjoy! My guess is that you will want to stay a tad longer than usual. We will also be holding a very short “business meeting” to approve some by-law changes, etc. See a more detailed announcement elsewhere in the Battle Cry.

I enjoyed the company of many of you at the Clovis Conference. I am told there were 19 members of SCWRT present that far and away made us have the largest contingent of any round table. Look elsewhere in the Battle Cry for a more detailed report.

This will be the last time I have the pleasure of spinning this column your way as president. There are several jobs on the board of directors that are more work and of greater importance to the round table than this one. The key positions are Battle Cry Editor (thank you Jim Middleton), Secretary (thank you Eddie Keister), Treasurer (thank you George Foxworth), and Program Chair (thank you Dennis Kohlmann). They will all be returning so my advice to incoming president, Don Hayden, is to “fasten his seat belt and enjoy the ride!”

Just when we feared that the political season was over, we check the program and note with pleasure that Brad Schall will help us down from our political high with an interesting conversation about the California political climate of 1860. I'll see you at the Hofbrau on the 10th – as always, come early and stay late!

Paul Ruud—President

See page 6 for by-law changes.

The cash balance following the November 12, 2008 meeting was \$2,438.17. Thanks to John Zasso, other members, and guests, the raffle brought in \$68.00.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

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SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

HOF BRAU RESTAURANT, WATT AVE, SACRAMENTO, CA

Attendance-32

Members-28

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Vivian Miller
Betty Mitchell
Maurice Mitchell

Horst Penning
Drew Van Winkle
Robert Williams
Silver Williams
Susan Williams
John Zasso
Guest-4
Dudley Albrecht
Ole Helleskov
Fred Palmquist
Mark Penning

1. Meeting started at 7:00. Guest Ole Helleskov and Fred Palmquist introduced. Two new board members introduced- Silver Williams, Vice President, and Richard Sickert, member at large. Card sent around for our Editor, Jim Middleton for a speedy recovery. A hand count for the Fresno conference. Craig Simms sent a book on Lincoln for our raffle.
2. Next Conference in Clovis in 2009, and San Francisco, 2010. Stay tuned.
3. Tim and Jenny Karlsberg, gave a wonderful talk as Lt. John Fletcher and Hattie Reed in "Acting as Captain of CA 100." Both in period dress, they gave an excellent talk on the beginnings and campaigns of the CA 100. Tim's rousing presentation in uniform was accompanied with guns, saddle, and other props. Thanks to both for a very entertaining evening.
4. Raffle held and meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Edie Keister
Secretary

Coming Programs 2008-2009		
Date	Speaker	Topic
Dec. 10 th	Brad Schall	Political Climate in 1860 California
Jan. 14 th	Paul Ruud	Antebellum West Point
Feb 11 th	Joan Beitzel	Interwoven: Cotton and the South
March 11 th	Gerald Henig	William Tillman: The Union's First Black Hero
Apr. 8 th	Stu Howe	California Volunteers in the West
May 13 th	Dave Davenport	2 nd Battle of Winchester
June 10 th	Larry Tagg	The Unpopular Mr. Lincoln
July 8 th	Ray Bisio	Lee, the Trader
Aug. 12 th	Jim Stanberry	The Importance of the Shenandoah Valley

A Report On The 24th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference

by George W. Foxworth

The 24th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was held on November 7-9, 2008, at the Rex Phebus Veterans' Memorial Building in Clovis, California. The Best Western Clovis Cole and the Comfort Suites in Clovis were the hotels.

The Conference was hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table (SJVCWRT) and Civil War Round Table (CWRT) Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. "War in The Shenandoah" was the theme and many enlightening presentations by the distinguished speakers filled the weekend. The speakers were Jim Stanberry, Bill Bennett, Francis Hamit, Jeffry Wert, Robert K. Krick, Dr, David Paul Davenport, and Evan Jones. Also in attendance were Ted Savas, Shelley Jones, Lee Meredith, Larry Comstock, and other Civil War buffs throughout the West.

The Elk Grove CWRT was represented by George and Joan Beitzel, Courtnie Braziel, Keith and Gayle Cretcher, Tim and Ginny Karlsberg, and Susan Williams.

The Sacramento CWRT was represented by George and Joan Beitzel, Fred Bohmfalk, Harvey Cain, Evan and Irene Cole, George W. Foxworth, Bob Hanley, Don Hayden, Edie Keister, Dennis Kohlmann, Ron Perisho, Paul Ruud, Richard Sickert, Bob Williams, Silver Williams, Susan Williams, and Maxine Wollen.

All presentations were excellent. Jim Stanberry spoke on "The importance of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, 1861-1865."

Bill Bennett spoke on "Civil War Weapons." Francis Hamit spoke on "Belle Boyd and the Confederate Secret Service." Jeffry Wert spoke on "Mosby;" "From Lynchburg to Washington: Jubal Early Takes Command," and "The Last Great Gamble: From Third Winchester to Cedar Creek." Robert K. Krick spoke on "Who Could Not Conquer with Such Troops as These? Jackson at Cross Keys and Port Republic;" "Unruly, Unreliable, and Unsuccessful Confederate Cavalry in the Shenandoah Valley;" and "Preservation Challenges in the Shenandoah and Elsewhere." Dr. David Paul Davenport spoke on "A Season of Politics, Blunders, and Scorched Earth-The Union Renews the Valley War." Finally, Evan Jones spoke on "The Valley War in Modern Memory."

The Conference began on Friday night with musical selections, compliments of the Military Band of the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. All participants were very pleased.

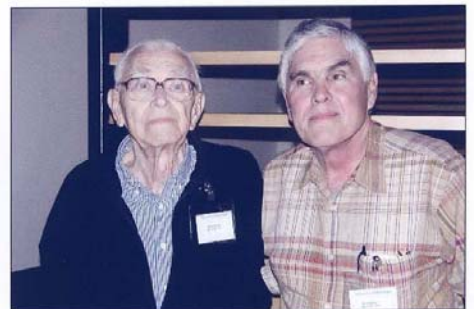
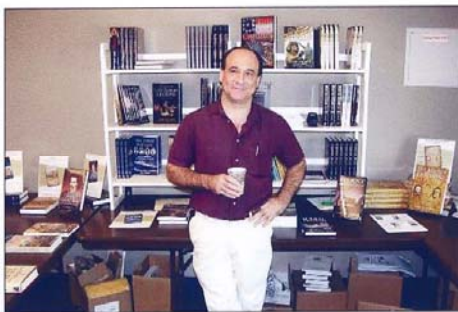
Another highlight was a repeat challenge for various Round Table Presidents to adopt a system to host Conferences each year in Clovis. This is one measure to continue the Annual West Coast Civil War Conference maybe due to the burnout of Round Tables or even the passing of Jerry Russell.

A third highlight was the showing of the movie "Shenandoah" starring Jimmy Stewart on Friday evening. In addition, we saw a documentary "Bloody Shenandoah" narrated by Burgess Meredith on Saturday evening.

The Conference was a complete success and the SJVCWRT is commended for their excellent work. The Rex Phebus Veterans' Memorial Building was an excellent venue especially since there was no Conference in 2007. In addition, congratulations and thanks are due to Major General Ron Markarian for the venue, and Boy Scout Troop 354 and Classic Catering for the meals.

Looking ahead to 2009, the 25th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference is scheduled for October 23-25, 2009. This Conference will be hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table, again in Clovis, California. The theme is "The Battles for Chattanooga" and all are invited to attend.

Random Photos from the 24th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference Page 1
WAR IN THE SHENANDOAH
Sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table and Others
Held at the Clovis California Veterans Memorial Center on 7-9 November 2008



By-Laws Amendment to be Proposed By Paul Ruud, President

There will be a vote at our December 10th meeting wherein the Board of Directors request membership approval for minor changes to the Sacramento Civil War Round Table (SCWRT) By-Laws. A summary of the changes follow:

- (1) The position of Program Director is added as a voting member of the Board of Directors.
- (2) The length of term for members of the Board is extended to two years. This amends the current practice of one-year terms.
- (3) It provides for two of the Non-Constitutional officers, the Editor of the Newsletter and the Webmaster, to either be voting or non-voting members of the Board. This amends the current practice where the Webmaster is a paid contractor and not a member of the SCWRT. This also authorizes the Editor to be a paid contractor and not a member of the SCWRT if those conditions arise in the future.

The President will refer to these changes as summarized in the Battle Cry at the December meeting and call for a vote. Before the vote, there will be a discussion for the membership if needed.

If the proposed By-Laws are approved, Dennis Kohlmann will be nominated to fill the new position of Program Director for 2009 only. As always, other nominations from the floor may be made at that time. After the nomination(s) and discussion, the President will call for a vote.

Each SCWRT member will receive in the United States mail a proper notification of the proposed amendments. Please bring this notification to the December meeting.