



# The Battle Cry

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## President's Message:

I apologize for not being at the last meeting, but a family emergency kept us back in New Jersey. My thanks to Ardith for assuming the leadership role at what sounds like a fun-filled Wednesday meeting. Thanks to Carol for what I hear was an enlightening presentation on our now old friend, "Joe Hooker."

The business matters regarding amending the by-laws and increasing the dues that were deferred from the last meeting will be voted on at the February meeting. Your Board of Directors has discovered one more upcoming change to the by-laws that I will include in Wednesday night's vote.

The new issue is to add the position of SCWRT Webmaster to the Board of Directors. Bernie Buenrostro is currently both the Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor, but that generally will not be the case. We have reclassified Bernie as "acting" editor to avoid the restriction that a person may only hold one position at a time on the Board of Directors. Bernie will step down as acting editor after the November 2001 edition so start thinking about who the next editor will be.

Our neighbors out at Gibson Ranch are once again (3<sup>rd</sup> annual) hosting a National Civil War Association Civil War reenactment. This year's event will be held on **April 27-30<sup>th</sup>**. The Friday activities are for school children – they expect to be able to accommodate 2,000 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students this year. The students circulate around several stations, each having a different Civil War issue or activity to discuss or demonstrate. We have been asked to help with volunteers for the Friday program as well as having our booth set up over Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers on Friday will serve as escorts for student groups as they circulate around the stations. These escorts are to contribute order to the process and are not expected to provide information about the Civil War. A period cannon will be fired as the signal for groups to move on to the next station. Remember, pencil in **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar to help at Gibson Ranch.

I'll see you on Wednesday night – I look forward to hearing about the "Battle of the Crater!"

Sincerely,

**Paul Ruud**

### ***Next Meeting:***

The next SCWRT meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 28, 2001**, at Sudwerk Brewery and Grill, 1375 Exposition Blvd. (Exposition Blvd and Response Way) at **7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to the public. Members and honored guests are invited to gather for dinner and discussion at **6:00 p.m.**

After opening remarks, the introduction of guests and new members, and a brief business meeting, SCWRT member Bob McGill will give a presentation on “**Battle of the Crater**”. A raffle will follow the program.

### ***Vicksburg Tour—Sign-ups Needed!***

The departure date for the Vicksburg Battlefield tour is fast approaching and we are shy of the minimum number of travelers needed to take advantage of a pre-arranged itinerary and bargain price.

The tour is from **April 22 to April 30<sup>th</sup>**. The tour starts in New Orleans and includes visits to historic Ship Island and the Jefferson Davis Home near Gulfport, Mississippi. The tour then visits historic Jackson and the many Civil War Battlefield sites in and around Vicksburg.

The tour group returns to New Orleans via Port Gibson, the Grand Military Park and Natchez, Windsor Ruins, many plantations and historical Baton Rouge. Information will be available at the next meeting. For reservations and information call Mary James (916) 723-9646.

### ***Membership Dues for 2001:***

SCWRT Treasurer, George Foxworth, is now collecting membership dues for year 2001. Please make your check for \$15 payable to the “Sacramento Civil War Round Table.”

### ***The Webmaster:***

The SCWRT web site ([www.sacramentocwrt.com/](http://www.sacramentocwrt.com/)) is undergoing a major redesign. Please check the web site often and add it to your “Favorites” listing in your web browser.

In January we activated the newsletter archive on the web site. The January 2001 *Battle Cry* is the first issue to be listed. All future issues will be added to the archive and will be available for the entire Civil War Community to see. *The Battle Cry* will be posted to the web site archive after the meeting each month.

It is hoped that this newsletter archive will become a valuable research resource for the membership on Civil War topics. We often receive timeless articles from the membership that reflect a significant investment of time and scholarly research.

### ***Newsletter Editor:***

*The Battle Cry*, which is prepared in MS Word, is now available through e-mail. You can indicate your preference for receiving the newsletter through postal mail or e-mail (or both) at the next meeting when you initial the attendance sheet.

The reason for offering the newsletter through e-mail is efficiency and cost effectiveness. Also, you will find that the e-mailed version utilizes color to the fullest extent for text and graphics and the photographs tend to appear sharper.

### ***Disposition of Shiloh Conference Proceeds:***

A meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m.**, on Tuesday, **March 6, 2001**, at the Hof Brau Restaurant on Watt and El Camino Ave to discuss the distribution of Conference proceeds to various Civil War projects. The entire SCWRT membership is invited to attend and voice their opinions.

**MINUTES**  
**SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2001**  
Sudwerk Restaurant, 1375 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento

***ATTENDANCE – 39***

MEMBERS – 35

Ardith Cnota, V. P.      Glyen Brown  
George Foxworth, Treas.      Bernie Buenrostro  
Walt Bittle, Sec.      Bob Cameron  
Dudley Albrecht      Mitch Cnota  
Claudia Andres      Bradley Friedman  
Jim Armstrong      Jim Harper  
Fred Bohmfalk      Don Hayden  
Carol Breiter      Mary James  
Steve Breiter      Bob Junell

Janet Junell      Larry Richey  
Ken Kitchen      Elvin Roach  
Russ Knauer      Keith Roberts  
Earl Martin      Don Ryan  
Virginia Martin      Don Schatzel  
Bob McGill      Clayton Williams  
Jim Middleton      Robert Williams  
Herb Milikien      John Zasso  
John Passerello

GUESTS – 4

James Caldwell  
Kris Gibson  
Wayne Lang  
Carol Scott

1. The January meeting was called to order by Vice President Cnota, who reviewed this day in history. New members and guests were introduced and welcomed. The November/December minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer Foxworth reported a bank balance of \$957.73.

2. Committee Activity/Reports

- a. It was announced that SCWRT will again be participating in the reenactment at Gibson Ranch on April 27, 28, and 29.
- b. Wayne Lang, of the West Sacramento Rotary Club, praised Fred Bohmfalk's recent talk and presented the club with a check for \$100 on his behalf. The treasurer amended his report to include the \$100 contribution.
- c. Fred Bohmfalk announced that our recent conference had brought in about \$5,000. A meeting will be held soon to decide how to disburse the funds.
- d. Dudley Albrecht mentioned a variety of movies in production. *Gangs of New York* is about the 1863 draft riots in New York City.
- e. Russ Knauer asked for members to help with the tutoring program at Jonas Salk Middle School.
- f. Bob McGill presented a reading of the light-hearted poem *The Passing of the Backhouse* by James Whitcomb Riley.
- g. Ken Kitchen announced the Col. Bill Pond Memorial Militaria Show to be held on February 25, and the free museum day on February 10.
- h. Mary James reminded members about the Civil War tour being sponsored by SCWRT, April 22-30.
- i. Election of a new Member-At-Large and decisions about Bylaws and dues changes were postponed to the February meeting.

3. Program – Carol Breiter presented a fascinating review of the life and career of General Joseph Hooker, which included rubbings from gravestones of his ancestors. A lively question and answer session followed. Thanks again for your efforts, Carol.

4. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. A raffle followed.

***Walt Bittle***  
Secretary

***From Jerry L. Russell's Civil War  
Round Table Associates Newsletter:***

(Pictures added)

In the new administration, it happens that two Coloradoans are in critical positions in the government as far as the preservation of American battlefields is concerned. Whether you are interested in Civil War battlefields, Revolutionary War battlefields, or Indian Wars battlefields, all the national battlefields are controlled by the National Park Service, which is controlled by the Department of Interior -- and both the Department and the NPS are controlled by the U.S. Congress.

The new Secretary of the Department of Interior, replacing Democrat Bruce Babbitt, is former Colorado Attorney General **Gale Norton**.



The National Park Service, of course, is in the Department of Interior.

The new chairman of the House Subcommittee on National Parks is Representative Joel Hefley (R-Colo).

These two people will wield tremendous influence in the weeks and months ahead as to the operation of the national battlefields in the National Park Service. They need to know that Coloradoans—indeed all Americans – CARE about our 19<sup>th</sup> century military history!

The national battlefields need YOU to write to Secretary Norton (Hon. Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior, Department of Interior, 1849 C St. NW, Washington DC 20240) and ask her to make national battlefield preservation one of her second-tier priorities during her tenure. Tell her how you feel about America's military history and our national battlefields, and why they should be preserved.

Tell her how you feel about short-changing the military history interpretation at the national Park Service battlefields in favor of socio-cultural presentations and exhibits. Tell her that the national battlefields are the property and concern of all Americans, not just the localities where the battlefields are located.

Thank her for her interest in America's military history, and encourage her to keep the national battlefields in her focus.

Then send the same type of letter to Rep. **Joel Hefley** (2230 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington DC 20515).



Let them know how YOU feel about the preservation of our national battlefields!

***SCWRT Breakfast:***

The next SCWRT breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Lyons Restaurant on El Camino and Watt Ave. This is a no-host breakfast and discussion group of Civil War topics. All are invited to attend. Call Bernie Buenrostro (362-9837) for reservations and for more information.

***Bad News from Bristoe Station:***

Jerry L. Russell, HERITAGEPAC, is circulating the following information he received from Bobby McManus.

“I received word yesterday that 338 acres of the Rollins property was sold and would be rezoned into houses. This of the 465 acres that is left of Bristoe Station Battlefield.”

## *The H.L. Hunley:*

(Article from the Atlanta Journal and  
Constitution, January 21, 2001)

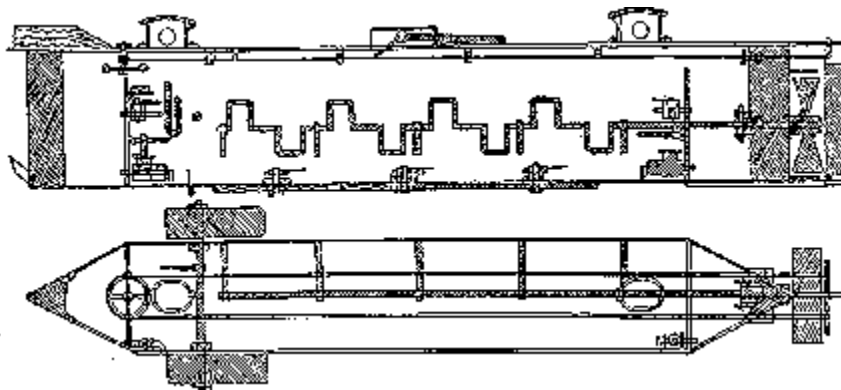
North Charleston, S.C. – Nearly 137 years after the H.L. Hunley sank, presumably with nine Confederate sailors aboard, archaeologists start Monday extracting the sediment shrouding one of the Civil War’s lingering mysteries.

“What are they going to find in there?” wondered Walter Edgar, a professor of Southern studies at the University of South Carolina.

Scientists plan to start what’s expected to be a three-month excavation by removing the densely packed sand and silt from a hole in the back of the submarine, the first in history to sink an enemy warship. Just big enough to put an arm inside, the hole opens into a ballast tank, not the central section where the crew propelled the vessel with a hand crank.

To reach the crew compartment, scientists plan to cut the Hunley’s boilerplate skin and lift sections along the sub’s top side, said Hunley Commission Chairman Glenn McConnell, a Republican state senator from Charleston.

Researchers will lower the chilled water in the green tank where the barnacle-encrusted Hunley has been submerged since August. A crew recovered it from 30 feet of murky water near the shipping channel leading into Charleston Harbor.



W.A. Alexander's sketch of the CSS *H.L. Hunley* from *Charleston's Maritime Heritage, 1670-1865* by P.C. Coker III (1987, CokerCraft Press: Charleston, SC. Pp 264). See <http://web.cla.sc.edu/sciaa/alex.html>.

<b>Civil War Skirmish Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.calweb.com/~arline/Events.html">http://www.calweb.com/~arline/Events.html</a> )			
Date	Event	Hosted By	Location
March 17-18, 2001	Regional Skirmish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Texas	Camp Murphy
April 21-22, 2001	Regional Skirmish	F troop	Camp Sixbits
May 19-20, 2001	Regional Skirmish	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mo.	Camp Murphy
June 25-30, 2001	Nationals	CWSA	Bloomfield, Iowa
July 2001	No Skirmish	--	--
August 18-19, 2001	Regional Skirmish	22 <sup>nd</sup> Tenn/Cherokee	Camp Murphy
September 29-30, 2001	Regional Skirmish	6 <sup>th</sup> Penn	Angeles Shooting Rnge
October 20-21, 2001	Regional Skirmish	Palmetto SS 5 <sup>th</sup> Texas	Camp Sixbits
November 17-18, 2001	Regional Skirmish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Texas & F. Troop	Camp Murphy
December 2001	Range Clean-Up	--	--

<b>American Civil War Association Schedule for 2001</b> <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/acwa/sched.html">http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/acwa/sched.html</a>		
Date	Location	Description
March 24-25	Knights Ferry, CA	Weekend event and encampment
April 21-22	Healdsburg, CA	Weekend event and encampment
May 24-25	Roaring Camp, Felton CA	Living History to school children
June	Pollock Pines	TBD
July 21-22	Duncan Mill, Gurneville	CHAS event featuring ACWA, RACW & NCWA
August 25-26	Casa De Fruta, Gilroy	Weekend event and encampment
Sept. 15-16	Ione, CA	Weekend event and encampment
Oct. 20-21	Los Banos, CA	Weekend event and encampment
November	Benicia, CA	ACWA Ball & Banquet at Clock Tower

<b>Reenactors of the American Civil War</b> <a href="http://www.home.inreach.com/mavgw/racwschedule.htm">http://www.home.inreach.com/mavgw/racwschedule.htm</a>		
Date	Event	Location
March 24-25, 2001	RACW Annual Spring Tactical	Donnelley Ranch, Newville, CA (closed to the public)
April 21-22, 2001	Woodsons Rridge Civil War Days Event	Woodsons Bridge State Recreation Area, Corning, CA
May 5-6, 2001	Annual Civil War Days Event	Anderson River Park, Anderson, CA
May 18, 2001	Civil War Days Educational Event	Bidwell Junior High School, Chico, CA
June 9-10, 2001	Volunteer Event, RACW at the NCWV Carson City Rendezvous Event	Carson City, Nevada
July 20-21, 2001	Civil War Days Event	McCloud River RR, McCloud, CA
August 11-12, 2001	Civil War Days Event	Chester, CA
Sep. 8-9, 2001	Civil War Days Event	Fortuna, CA
Oct. 20-21, 2001	Civil War Days Event	Butte Community College, Pentz, CA

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