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President's Message:

Jack Leathers arrived in town as scheduled and introduced us to Ben McCulloch, the Master of the Western Frontier. Thank you Jack! We in the Sacramento CWRT take every opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of out-of-town speakers. Their contributions always enrich our Civil War experience and this presentation was right on track. A big "thank you" to Jack. Life at the meeting was complicated by the competition from cheering Sacramento Kings fans – sorry about that noise!

When you look at the programs for the remainder of the year, you will notice that other than in May, our presenters will all be from out-of-town. Even though SCWRT policy is to host the speaker for dinner and contribute to out-of-pocket mileage costs, often speakers find it desirable to stay in the area over night. If you would enjoy or at least be willing to invite an out-of-town speaker to your home, please let me know. When we have a speaker who is comfortable with that arrangement, I will coordinate the invitation.

There are new members on our April mailing list! A big welcome to James Caldwell, Khristopher Gibson, and Dennis and Garda Kohlman. We look forward to knowing you better. I urge you to work the crowd at meetings, introducing yourselves. New members are the life-blood of the Round Table.

I want to repeat the "ATTENTION" items for members from last month's newsletter: (1) pay your dues – if in doubt of your status, check with George and (2) remember to support the raffle! One new reminder and I'll stop nagging! A roster is circulated at each meeting – if you are a guest or non-member, please sign up so that we can send you a Battle Cry and if you're a member, check off your name so that we have an accurate attendance record.

The Gibson Ranch reenactment was most successful with general attendance up about 25% from last year. Thanks to the many SCWRT members who volunteered their time. The Friday experience escorting student groups proved to be very meaningful and our table/booth on Saturday and Sunday gave us a platform for telling all who would listen about the joys of Round Table membership.

Circle **Wednesday, May 30th** on your calendar for the next encampment at the Sudwerk Grill and Brewery. Our own Bob Cameron's presentation features the 79th New York – I don't know about it either and I'm looking forward to finding out! The order of the evening will be a welcome followed immediately by the program and then a brief business meeting. Those who want are invited to stay later to hear brief (10 minutes each) trip reports from Mitch and Ardith Cnota and yours truly. I look forward to seeing you for food and drink about **6:00 PM** and for the meeting at **7:00 PM**.

Sincerely..... **Paul Ruud**

Next SCWRT Meeting:

The next SCWRT meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 30, 2001**, at the 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.**

Meeting Format (**New**) – The evening’s presentation will immediately follow brief opening remarks. The evening will end with a business meeting and raffle.

The featured presentation will be on **“The 79th New York”** by SCWRT member Bob Cameron.

Book Review by SCWRT Member, Walt Bittle

[Heavy Reading] **“Freedom -- A Novel of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War”** by William Safire. Yes, that’s the William Safire, the language expert and former White House speechwriter.

I was daunted by the sheer size of this book – 1,437 pages. But it is broken down into easily readable chapters, each explained in an “underbook”, which includes sources and commentary. After reading each of the nine “books” and/or each chapter, the reader turns to the underbook where Safire explains himself: “In general, the credibility quotient is this: if the scene deals with war or politics, it is fact; if it has to do with romance, it is fiction; if it is outrageously and obviously fictional, it is.”

More specifically, Safire lists multiple sources for his information. He goes on to explain that, although historically accurate, his fictional scene may have taken place at a different location or time. In putting words into people’s mouths, he is careful to point out that although there may be no proof that the person actually said that, the record shows that they must have said something very much like that. He quotes original documents extensively.

His grasp of the “big picture” is phenomenal, and his take on individual actions and motivations is most revealing. Safire has truly created what the Los Angeles Times called ... “A story that ought to be read by every American.” And the Washington Times labeled it ... “The best Civil War novel to appear in this decade.”

[Avon books – 1987. This book may be out of print, but available in used bookstores.]

Fort Tejon State Historic Park:

<http://www.forttejon.org/>

(On Interstate 5 off the Grapevine summit)

Admission to Fort Tejon State historic Park is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Walt Bittle compiled the following schedule:

- ◆ June 3 Dagoon Era at Fort Tejon
- ◆ June 17 Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactments
- ◆ July 4 Fort Tejon 4th of July of 1856
- ◆ Jul 15 Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactments
- ◆ Aug 5 Dagoon Era at Fort Tejon
- ◆ Aug 19 Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactments
- ◆ Sep 16 Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactments
- ◆ Oct 7 Dagoon Era at Fort Tejon
- ◆ Oct. 21 Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactments
- ◆ Nov. 3 Candlelight Tours at Fort Tejon
- ◆ Dec. 2 Dagoon Era at Fort Tejon

Comparative Casualties in American Wars*

<u>War</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Revolutionary	4,435
War of 1812	2,260
Mexican	13,283
Civil War	1,086,564
Spanish American	2,446
World War I	116,516
World War II	406,742
Korea	54,246
Vietnam	57,939

- A Chronology of the American Civil War, William K. Vardaman Jr.

SCWRT Speaker Schedule for 2001:

- ◆ May 30 “**The 79th New York**”
by Bob Cameron, SCWRT
- ◆ June 27 “**State’s Rights**” by Mike Carter,
San Joaquin CWRT
- ◆ July 25 “**Grierson’s Raid**” by Bill Head,
San Joaquin CWRT
- ◆ Aug 29 “**General George Thomas**” by Bob
Blair
- ◆ Sep 26 “**Civil War Railroads, Strategic
Aspects**” by Lee Meredith
- ◆ Oct 24 “**Should the Other Guy Have
Gotten the Job?**” by Jim Stanbery
- ◆ Nov 28 “**The Legacy of Slavery and
Reconstruction**” by Dr. Leon
Litwack, UC Berkeley



Commanding Officers of the 79th Highlander New York Volunteers:

Information taken from
(<http://www.gunsites.com/79th/officer.html>)

Colonel James Cameron - Elected from civil life June 1861, killed while leading the regiment in a charge at Henry Hill at Bull Run, Va. July 21, 1861.

Colonel Isaac Ingals Stevens - Graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1839 ranking first in his class, and was commissioned second lieutenant of engineers. In 1840 he became first lieutenant and was employed upon the fortifications of the New England coast until the Mexican war at that time being adjutant of engineers.

He was attached to Gen. Scott's staff and for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battles of Contreras and Churubusco was brevetted captain, and major for his heroic conduct at the storming of Chapultepec and the city of Mexico, where he received a severe wound from which he never fully recovered. Upon his return to the United States he was selected by Prof. Bache to perform the duties of chief of the coast survey at Washington. In 1853 he resigned his commission and accepted the appointment of governor of Washington territory, where he became known as an able executive officer, displaying the most unremitting devotion to the interests of the territory. During the administration of President Buchanan he represented Washington territory as delegate in Congress for two terms. He was the chairman of the Breckinridge executive committee in the presidential campaign of 1860; but when the Southern leaders declared for secession he openly denounced them and stood by the Federal government, strongly urging President Buchanan to remove Secs. Floyd and Thompson from the cabinet and trust to the counsels of Gen. Scott. At the close of the session of Congress Gov. Stevens proceeded to Washington territory, but upon hearing of the attack upon Fort Sumter returned to Washington and offered his services to the government. He was appointed colonel of the 79th N. Y. Highlanders. He was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers on Sept. 28, 1861, and accompanied Gen. Sherman to South Carolina, where he bore a prominent part in all the battles near Port Royal. He was then transferred to North Carolina, whence he came to Virginia in the corps of Gen. Reno and was promoted to the rank of major general of volunteers, his commission bearing date of July 4, 1862. He was in all the skirmishes along the Rappahannock under Gen. Pope and fought most gallantly in the battle of Chantilly, where he was killed Sept. 1, 1862.

Colonel Addison Farnsworth - A veteran of the Mexican War in which he entered as a Second Lieutenant and won the rank of Major. He was appointed Colonel on December 17, 1861. Wounded at Second Bull Run, Va. August 30, 1862. He resigned his commission as a result on February 17th 1863.

Colonel David Morrison - Promoted from Captain of Company E February 17, 1861.

For Immediate Release

May 9, 2001

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2001 PRESERVATION AWARDS

(Washington, D.C.) - At its annual conference earlier this month, the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) announced the winners of its 2001 Preservation Awards. The awards were created to honor individuals and organizations for their exemplary dedication to the cause of Civil War preservation.

"We are engaged in a relentless struggle to save America's Civil War legacy," remarked CWPT President James Lighthizer. "Without the kind of commitment displayed by this year's recipients, many Civil War-related sites will be little more than a memory within a few years."

The eleven Preservation Awards were presented at a banquet aboard the elegant Spirit of Washington. During the ceremony, Lighthizer stressed the need for cooperation among preservationists, and stated that he was proud to recognize a few of CWPT's many partners with these awards.

The awards presented by Lighthizer at the conference were:

- The first-ever **Edwin C. Bearss Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to its namesake, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service Edwin C. Bearss. Mr. Bearss was present to accept his award and, following the ceremony, gave an impassioned presentation about Civil War Washington.
- The **Battlefield Preservationist of the Year Award** was presented to Dr. Daniel Beattie of Charlottesville, Va., for his work at Brandy Station battlefield. Dr. Beattie was present to accept his award.
- The **National Leadership Award** was presented to The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit conservation group, for its efforts to promote and preserve Civil War battlefields. The award was accepted by Frances Kennedy of The Conservation Fund.

- The **State Leadership Award** was presented to four state legislators: Virginia State Sen. John Chichester, Virginia State Del. Vincent Callahan, and Mississippi State Reps. Charlie Capps and William J. McCoy. Del. Callahan was present to accept his award
- The **Preservation Organization of the Year Award** was presented to the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust (CVBT) for saving more than 100 acres in central Virginia. CVBT received their award at an earlier event during the four-day conference.
- The **National Park Service Preservationist of the Year Award** was presented to Sandy Rives, Superintendent of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Mr. Rives received his award at an earlier event during the four-day conference.
- The **Preservation Legacy Award** was presented to two outstanding organizations, the Friends of the *Hunley* and the *Hunley* Commission, for their efforts to preserve the Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley*. Warren Lasch accepted the award on behalf of Friends of the *Hunley*.
- In addition, a **Citizen's Certificate of Merit** was presented to the Sudley Mountain and Stony Ridge Civic Association for its efforts to preserve a significant part of Second Manassas battlefield.

In praising the recipients, Lighthizer remarked, "These award winners are among the true guardians of our nation's Civil War heritage. Their efforts are helping to preserve the last tangible reminders of sacrifices made by those who donned the Blue and Gray."

With 35,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds through education and heritage tourism.

17th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference
Hosted by the Civil War Round Table of Orange Co., Calif.
and sponsored by Civil War Round Table Associates, Little Rock, Arkansas

***"CONFEDERATE TIDE RISING: THE 1862 MARYLAND CAMPAIGN"
HARPERS FERRY, SOUTH MOUNTAIN, AND ANTIETAM***

Date: November, 9, 10, 11, 2001

Place: Radisson Resort Knott's Berry Farm
7675 Crescent Avenue
Buena Park, California 90620

Conference Fees: Before Oct. 5th - \$155 for all three days including four meals.
After Oct. 5th \$175

SPEAKERS:

Brian Pohanka - Historian
Dr. Joseph Harsh - Educator / Historian / author of three books of the Maryland Campaign
Dr. Richard Rollins - Historian / Publisher
Don McCue - Director of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine
George Otott - Historian
Jerry Russell - Civil War Table Associates
Musical entertainment provided by the Cottonwood String Band

Featuring after lunch on Saturday (Nov. 10) a walking tour of Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana of the Antietam veterans buried there. Conducted by Civil War researcher Paul Gillette and Fairhaven administrator Rev. Lou Carlson. A program on battlefield preservation will follow in the Mausoleum given by Brian Pohanka.

Hotel Reservation: Call hotel direct.
Ask for special conference rate of \$99.00 + tax a night double or single occupancy.
(800) 333-3333 or (714) 828-8590
checkout their website at: www.radisson.com/buenaparkca
Registration check-in between 3-5 PM on Friday Nov. 9th. Social Hour from
5:00 - 6:00. Banquet follows at 6:00 PM.

Make Checks payable to: West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference (WCCWRTC)
Send to: Bill Haley - 1510 Backbay Circle, Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648

Information contacts:
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Hope to see many of you there! The RTs of California continue to do an outstanding job of hosting this premier conference, started 17 years ago by CWRT Associates.

Jlr (Jerry Russell)

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2001

Sudwerk Restaurant, 1375 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento

ATTENDANCE—37

MEMBERS--35

George Foxworth,
Treas.

Dudley Albrecht

Claudia Andres

Jim Armstrong

Fred Bohmfalk

Carol Breiter

Bernie Buenrostro

Lynn Buenrostro

James Caldwell

Jon Courtway

James Dickson

Carol Dickson

Bill Donaldson

Lydia Donaldson

Alan Geiken

Kristopher Gibson

Don Hayden

Janet Junell

Robert Junell

Ken Kitchen

Russell Knauer

Albert McKim

Jim Middleton

Herbert Milikien

Maurice Mitchell

Betty Mitchell

John Passerello

Bev Passerello

Elvin Roach

Keith Roberts

Don Ryan

Earlene Ward

Clayton Wil-
liams

Robert Williams

John Zasso

GUESTS--2

Roy Bishop

Dennis Kohl-
mann

1. The meeting was called to order by Past-President Carol Breiter who reviewed this day in history. New members and guests were introduced and welcomed. Our guests will be running a Civil War seminar this fall on Fridays for the Renaissance Society. Dues for the Society are \$60.00 a year. For information call 278-7834.

2. Jack Leathers, Peninsula CWRT presented a program called "Ben McCulloch-Master of the Western Frontier." He reviewed McCulloch's early life in Tennessee, his experiences on the Texas frontier, friendship with Sam Houston, the Mexican War and his hopes for appointment to a military commission. When the Civil War broke out he went with the Confederacy. Leading southern troops into Missouri, he was on the winning side at Wilson's Creek. Later at Pea Ridge, Arkansas he fell in battle.

3. REPORTS:

- a. The March minutes were approved as printed.
- b. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2008.80
- c. The March raffle took in \$60.00
- d. PEARL HARBOR was discussed as a movie worth seeing.
- e. Ken Kitchen reported a fundraiser at Johnson Hall in Roseville at 900AM 4/29.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. A raffle was held by John Zasso after the meeting.

Jim Middleton

Acting Secretary

Civil War Skirmish Association

<http://www.calweb.com/~arline/Events.html>

Date	Event	Hosted By	Location
June 25-30	Nationals	CWSA	Bloomfield, Iowa
July	No Skirmish	--	--
August 18-19	Regional Skirmish	22 nd Tenn/Cherokee	Camp Murphy
September 29-30	Regional Skirmish	6 th Penn	Angeles Shooting Rnge
October 20-21	Regional Skirmish	Palmetto SS 5 th Texas	Camp Sixbits
November 17-18	Regional Skirmish	2 nd Texas & F. Troop	Camp Murphy
December 2001	Range Clean-Up	--	--

American Civil War Association Schedule

<Http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/acwa/sched.html>

Date	Location	Description
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

Reenactors of the American Civil War

<Http://www.home.inreach.com/mavgw/racwschedule.htm>

Date	Event	Location
June 9-10	Volunteer Event, RACW at the NCWV Carson City Rendezvous Event	Carson City, Nevada
July 20-21	Civil War Days Event	McCloud River RR, McCloud, CA
August 11-12	Civil War Days Event	Chester, CA
Sep. 8-9	Civil War Days Event	Fortuna, CA
Oct. 20-21	Civil War Days Event	Butte Community College, Pentz, CA

National Civil War Association

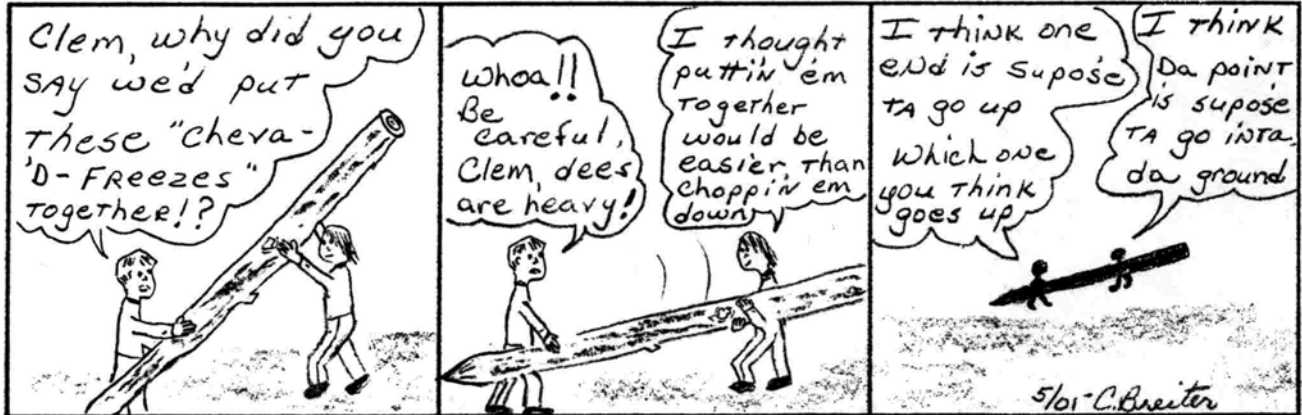
<http://www.ncwa.org>

Date	Event	Location
July 21-22	Reenactment	Guernville, Duncan Mills
October 6-7	Reenactment	Fresno, Kearney Park
November 3-4	Reenactment	Vacaville, Lagoon Valley Park

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