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President's Message:

The year is close to the end and we have only two meetings left. In November, the regular Wednesday night meeting is superseded by the weekend meeting of November 10, 11, and 12. This is the highlight of our past six years and a great effort has been made to make this an unforgettable event. The subject is the contributions to the war effort made by the respective navies of the North and South and their importance in the Civil War. We have arranged to bring outstanding speakers and with their help have developed a program which will be of great interest and will include significant land engagements as well. I have attached a schedule of the planned talks and our speakers are leading experts on their topics. Ed Bearss has published the definitive history of the Vicksburg Campaign in three volumes, and was personally responsible for the raising of the gunboat, USS Cairo; Craig Symonds has authored at least ten books including the biography of Admiral Buchanan, commanding officer of the CSS Virginia, sometimes called the Merrimac; Dennis Ringle has published *Life in Mr. Lincoln's Navy*, taught at Annapolis and University of Michigan; Kevin Foster is an expert on marine archaeology and international relations of the era; and Jim Stanbery is a well known expert on all aspects of the war, a college professor with a special skill at presenting the strategic picture of the subject.

Thanks to Dennis Kohlmann for substituting at the last minute (again)! The story of Sabine Pass is so implausible that Hollywood couldn't have bested it. I have heard it several times and have the book and it never loses its interest. Thanks again for coming forth, Dennis, in our moments of need.

Election results are in. Our slate of officers is:

Paul Ruud, President
Dennis Kohlmann, Vice-President
Edie Keister, Secretary
George Foxworth, Treasurer
Don Hayden, Past-President
Jim Middleton, Battle Cry Editor
Bob Hanley, Member-at-Large
Bob Williams, Member-at-Large
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Treasurer's Report

The cash balance following the October 11, 2006 meeting was \$1,812.08. Thanks to members and guests, the raffle brought in \$76.00.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

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SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
OCTOBER 11, 2006
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Attendance-33

Members-32

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Vivian Miller
Maurice Mitchell
Betty Mitchell
Paul Ruud
Rudy Schafer
Richard Sickert
Drew Van Winkle
Robert Williams
John Zasso
Guest-1
Andrew Caldwell

1. Meeting started at 7:09. President Hayden welcomed guest and members. Paul Wagstaff, our guest speaker was unable to attend. The 2006 Conference was explained to our guest.
2. Nominations for new officers were announced - President- Paul Ruud, Vice-President- Dennis Kohlmann, Treasurer- George Foxworth, Secretary- Eddie Keister, Members at Large- Bob Williams and Bob Hanley. John Zasso made motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Dennis Kohlmann. President Hayden asked for a vote- all yeas.
3. A sheet was passed around for volunteers for the conference- thanks to those who signed on.
4. Member Dennis Kohlmann once again stepped in for the absent speaker. His topic was "The Battle at Sabine Pass." A one sided battle to be sure, the story of Dick Dowling and his Irish comrades. Thanks Dennis for filling in and for your presentation.
5. Raffle was held and meeting ended at 8:20.

Eddie Keister
Secretary

Coming Programs 2006		
Month	Speaker	Topic
November 10-12 th	Conference	War on the Waters
December 13 th		Christmas Party and Feedback from the Conference
January 10 th	Ken Hansgen	Lew Wallace's Bad Day
February 14 th	Jim Middleton	The Civil War Diary of George Templeton Strong
March 14 th	open	
April 11 th	open	

(From president's message on page 1)

A large number of our members have registered for the November conference. Those who have not, are missing a golden opportunity to meet with the top echelon of Civil War scholars, to share in our history, and to support battlefield preservation. It is not too late to attend this fabulous event. We can accommodate those who cannot attend every day with adjusted fees. Please join with us to make this a tremendous success.

Don Hayden, President

A Report on The 17th Annual Civil War Reenactment at Kearney Park

By George W. Foxworth

In conjunction with the Fresno Historical Society, The National Civil War Association (NCWA) ended its 2006 reenactment season on October 21-22 at Historic Kearney Park in Fresno, California. The theme was the "War on the Water," to honor the third California visit of the full-scale replica of the H.L. Hunley submarine.

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 20th (Friday), the NCWA and Fresno Historical Society hosted approximately 1,900 students from Fresno area schools for a living history demonstration. The reenactment was Saturday and Sunday.

On February 17, 1864, the submarine H.L. Hunley attacked the warship USS Housatonic in the harbor of Charleston South Carolina. The Housatonic sank in a few minutes and the H.L. Hunley never returned to port. Its location remained a mystery for 131 years.

The search for the H.L. Hunley began after the Civil War near the site of the sunken USS Housatonic. In May 1995, after a few years by author Clive Cussler, the H.L. Hunley was discovered. The resting place was just outside the Charleston, South Carolina harbor. Most of the searchers expected to find the H.L. Hunley on the harbor

side of the USS Housatonic. However, it was found the Atlantic Ocean side of the USS Housatonic.

In August 2000, the H.L. Hunley was raised from the ocean. The H.L. Hunley is now the property of the United States Government and is on permanent loan to the Hunley Commission in Charleston, South Carolina. John Dangerfield and a group of volunteers created an exact replica. This replica has brought a wealth of knowledge on one of the remarkable events in American and world history. Through the efforts of John Nevins and the Fresno Historical Society, accompanying the H.L. Hunley to Fresno were Senator Glenn F. McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina State Senate; John Dangerfield (H.L. Hunley Restoration Team); and H.L. Hunley volunteers Elmore Marlow, James Parks, and Phil LeMeau. Senator McConnell and the H.L. Hunley Team had four days of speeches, radio talk show appearances, television appearances, and H.L. Hunley demonstrations at Kearney Park. Special thanks to Senator McConnell, Mr. Dangerfield, Mr. Marlow, Mr. Parks, and Mr. LeMeau.

We also give special thanks to the James River Squadron for their hospitality to the H.L. Hunley Team and me. Supper and fellowship around their campfire were excellent and our visitors from Charleston felt at home. Phil LeMeau was exceptionally grateful because he reenacted with the James River Squadron when he was not demonstrating the H.L. Hunley.

A final thanks to the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table (CWRT) for advertising the 2006 West Coast Civil War Conference "The War on the Waters." This will be the 22nd Annual Conference and The Sacramento CWRT is the host in association with Civil War Round Table Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. The Sacramento CWRT also hosted the 2000 Conference, "Shiloh."

The Fresno Historical Society tents continue to restrict the battlefield at Kearney Park. Before 2005, the tents were in another location. The original battlefield was two times larger and several battles happened on the field at the same time. You could see and hear the battles on different parts of the battlefield. Now, the battlefield is smaller, thanks to the tents.

Attending were Ken and Barbara Moats, Dr. Brian Clague, Courtney Clague, Pattie Spencer, and other members of the San Joaquin Valley CWRT. From the Sacramento CWRT, the attendees were John Zasso, John Nevins, Ed Sims, Chuck and Pam Hubbard, Victor Le, and George W. Foxworth. Former Sacramento CWRT members that attended were Gene and Mary Ann Morrow.

The 2006 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 2007 season that begins in early spring and the 18th Annual Reenactment at Kearney Park. In addition, we hope the H.L. Hunley can return to California in 2007.

**Schedule of 22nd West Coast Civil War Conference –
Doubletree Hotel Sacramento**

Friday, Nov. 10th

3-5 PM Registration Hotel Lobby
4:30-6PM No Host Cocktail Hour
6-6:15PM Opening Remarks
6:15-7:15PM Dinner
7:15-8:15PM Speaker

Craig Symonds “New Technology and the Civil War at Sea”

Saturday, Nov 11

7 AM Breakfast for Round Table Representatives and All Interested In
Preserving the Annual Conference

8-8:50AM Jim Stanbery “Union and Confederate Naval Strategies”
9-9:50AM Kevin Foster “The American Civil War and the Maritime
World: Incidents in International Law and Diplomacy”
10-10:50AM Dennis Ringle “The Union Blockade: Success or Failure”
11-11:50AM Kevin Foster “The Navy They Wanted, the Navy They Got:
Confederate Ship Buying in Europe”

12-1 PM Lunch

1-1:50PM Dennis Ringle “Life of the Common Sailor During the War”
2-2:50PM Craig Symonds “The Battle Against the Shore: US Navy Attacks on
Confederate Ports”
3-4:30PM **Panel:** Moderator Jim Stanbery
5:30-6:30PM Band Concert

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:30PM **Ed Bearss “The Raising of the Cairo”**

Sunday, Nov. 12

8-8:50AM Craig Symonds “River War: The US Navy on the Upper River
River System”
9-9:50AM Ed Bearss “Vicksburg and New Orleans”
10-11AM Brunch
11-12:30PM **Panel:** Moderator Jim Stanbery

12:30-1:30PM Raffle

End of Conference.

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