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The Battle Cry

September 2001

Newsletter of the Sacramento Civil War Round Table
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President's Message:

Isn't it a wonderful opportunity we have to continue learning about the players and events of the Civil War? Thanks to Bob Blair of the Peninsula CWRT for giving us a fresh look at General George Thomas. Historians, authors, researchers, and the rest of us can look at the same events and see quite different things. Such is the fascination of this blue and gray story we all enjoy. Bob, you provided an enlightening evening that we all enjoyed.

A SCWRT salute is overdue for several members who have again gone above and beyond in making us a more interesting, a more enthusiastic, and a more fun organization. My special salute to

George Foxworth: the shirt options, all emblazoned with our logo, are the right thing at the right time! See ordering information elsewhere in the Battle Cry.

Jim Middleton: When you come to the meeting on Wednesday, notice the flags prominently displayed. This is Jim's single handed effort. (Mitch & Ardith Cnota gave the flags).

Mitch Cnota: Mitch will be putting together a weekend day trip to Benicia to tour the historical points of interest in that area. Stay tuned for information.

Walt Bittle: Walt identified the connection between our September program and the Sacramento Railroad Museum and is working to exploit that duality.

Remember to thank these hard working members of your Round Table.

Two special reminders regarding upcoming meetings:

- (1) The nominating committee will announce its slate of officers for the SCWRT for the year 2002 at the September meeting. Members may nominate other members from the floor before the election at our October meeting.
- (2) The October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24th, at the regular time and place. Notice that for this month only, the meeting is not the last Wednesday of the month.

Our October program will be given by Jim Stanbery who you will remember as one of the dynamic speakers from our conference last November. We are also inviting members of the Elk Grove CWRT to meet jointly with us on that evening. A coffee and cake reception is planned at the conclusion of the meeting.

Sincerely, **Paul Ruud**

Next SCWRT Meeting

Circle Wednesday, September 26th on your calendar for the next encampment at the Sudwerk Grill and Brewery. **I encourage everyone to check the raffle prizes as you enter the meeting room and make your ticket purchases as you pick up your name tag from the greeters.** The program will be special – Lee Meredith from San Jose will be here to talk to us about **“The Strategic Aspects of Civil War Railroads.”** The order of the evening will be a welcome followed immediately by the program and then a brief business meeting. Adjournment will give way to our raffle and individual discussions.

SCWRT Speaker Schedule for 2001

- 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 **“Twenty-seven days of Terror”**
by Ted Savas.

Sacramento Civil War Round Table MEETING AGENDA

September 26, 2001

Raffle Reminder – get your tickets early.

1. **Call to Order**
 - This day during the Civil War.
 - Introduction of guests and new members.
2. **Program** –The Strategic Aspects of Civil War Railroads by Lee Meredith.
3. **Reports**
 - Approval of minutes
 - President
 - Nominating committee - announcement of 2002 slate of officer candidates.
 - Treasurer - George Foxworth
 - Media - Dudley Albrecht
 - Veterans' affairs - Ken Kitchen
 - others

4. **Business as introduced by members**

5. **Repeated News**

- November Program, **“Twenty-seven Days of Terror,”** the role of the ironclad, USS Arkansas, during the War on the Mississippi, by Ted Savas.
- **Grant and Lee** to appear on Saturday, February 23rd, 2002, here at the Sudwerk. This will be our February meeting – no meeting on Wednesday, February 27th.

6. **Upcoming meetings:**

- Next regular meeting: October 24, 2001, here at Sudwerk - program **Should the other guy have gotten the job?, by Jim Stanbery**
- Next board meeting: Wednesday, **October 10 @ 1130 hrs**, Carrows at 28th and J Streets in Sacramento - members are encouraged to attend.
- Saturday breakfast: **October 13 @ 9:30 AM** at IHOP, Watt Ave. & El Camino.

6. **Raffle** - John Zasso

News from the United Kingdom

September 12, 2001 via Jerry Russell

We watched with shock and horror as the unprecedented attack against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon unfolded on Tuesday. We write to extend our sympathy and support to all those who were injured or who lost loved ones as the result of this atrocity. Many of our Round Table have friends and family in the United States for whom they have been concerned. Please assure all your members in America who may be affected by this great tragedy that you they are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

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SCWRT Logo On Clothing

By George W. Foxworth

As of August 29, 2001, SCWRT members can obtain the Club logo embroidered on various kinds of clothing. For example, polo shirts, coats, jackets, etc. The approximate cost of the logo is \$16, and you can supply the clothing or purchase the clothing from the Company, Nor Cal. Nor Cal has extensive clothing lines (various prices) and they can obtain clothing that we cannot buy in the stores. However, due to the colors of the SCWRT logo (red, white, & blue), we are limited to clothing that is light in color. For example, clothing that is white, light blue, maybe tan, etc.

Clothing samples of the logo were presented to the membership at the August 29, 2001, monthly meeting. The members were very pleased with the merchandise. I began work on the logo in April 2001 and I worked with the Nor Cal Office Manager and a Graphic/Sales Associate. To show our appreciation, I presented the two employees bouquets of flowers and thank you cards on August 30, 2001. They were overcome and now they await our orders.

To place an order, I suggest a visit to Nor Cal and request the SCWRT logo. Their hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Nor Cal has served the Sacramento area since 1979. I have been involved with the Company since 1988 and their work is excellent. In the Fall of 2000, Nor Cal moved from Roseville to Granite Bay (see map in the newsletter). Please enjoy your clothing.

Directions -- North on Hazel Ave from Hwy 50

US 50/Hazel Avenue to Douglas Blvd is 8.1 miles. Note: The last traffic light before Douglas Blvd is the southern and western entrance to the Granite Bay Business Park. The distance from US 50/Hazel Ave. to that traffic light is 7.9 miles. Turn right into the Business Park to Nor Cal.

The Defenses of Washington

The Smithsonian Associates Civil War E-mail Newsletter Vol 4 No. 3

By 1861—it had been almost fifty years, the War of 1812, in fact—since an invading army threatened the capital of the United States. Unlike that war, Washington was now literally surrounded by the enemy. Maryland remained a slave state, and if Mr.

Lincoln hadn't suspended the writ of *habeas corpus* and jailed most of its state senators, Maryland undoubtedly would have joined Virginia and gone South.

Virginia lay just across the Potomac. From the President's House in Washington, Confederate flags could be seen waving over the seaport of Alexandria. Although both the North and the South thought they'd beat each other pretty fast and life would go on as each imagined it should, the City of Washington stood totally undefended. Then came the secession of Virginia, followed by two shocking Northern defeats at Bull Run. After secession, the Union Army quickly occupied the entire northern Virginia perimeter, including the high ground at Robert E. Lee's wife's plantation of Arlington. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, led by Brevet Major General John Barnard, began to build a series of fortifications known as the Defenses of Washington. These installations, eventually numbering 68 forts, 93 batteries, with 807 cannon, 98 mortar, and 30 miles of rifle trenches, along with roads to connect them, made Washington the most fortified city in the world.

Today, most of these locations are remembered throughout many local neighborhoods in the names of housing developments, apartment buildings ("Fort Strong Apartments, the 'Perfect Place to Call Home'"), and shopping centers. A few locations are preserved. In Arlington, Fort Ethan Allen is the site of a hotly debated dog walk and Fort C. F. Smith was dedicated in 1994 as a county park and nature center. Fort Whipple, now known as Fort Myer, is home to the United States Army Band and "The Old Guard," the Third U. S. Infantry, whose duties include guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and providing ceremonial oversight for the 5400 military funerals held at Arlington Cemetery each year.

The best preserved of these locations is Fort Ward in Alexandria, which was a model of 19th century military construction. Named for the first Union naval officer to be killed in the war, Fort Ward was the fifth largest of these installations. Today we can see most of its original bombproofs, guns and bastions and over 800 yards of 25-foot high walls. The gate has been reconstructed as it originally appeared, and the grounds include an officer's hut and a museum, built to resemble a Union headquarters building.

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2001
Sudwerk Restaurant, 1375 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento

ATTENDANCE – 33

Paul Ruud, President	James Caldwell	Kit Knight	Genevieve Mooney
Ardith Cnota, Vice President	Mitch Cnota	Dennis Kohlmann	Bev Passerello
George Foxworth, Treasurer	Michael Dobbins	Earl Martin	John Passerello
Walt Bittle, Secretary	Alan Geiken	Virginia Martin	Clayton Williams
Jim Armstrong	Kristopher Gibson	Tom McCaffrey	Robert Williams
Roy Bishop	Don Hayden	Al McKim	John Zasso
Fred Bohmfalk	Warren Holloway	Jim Middleton	
Carol Breiter	Robert Junell	Betty Mitchell	
Bernie Buenrostro	Russ Knauer	Maurice Mitchell	

1. The meeting was called to order by President Ruud, who reviewed this day in history. New members were introduced and welcomed.

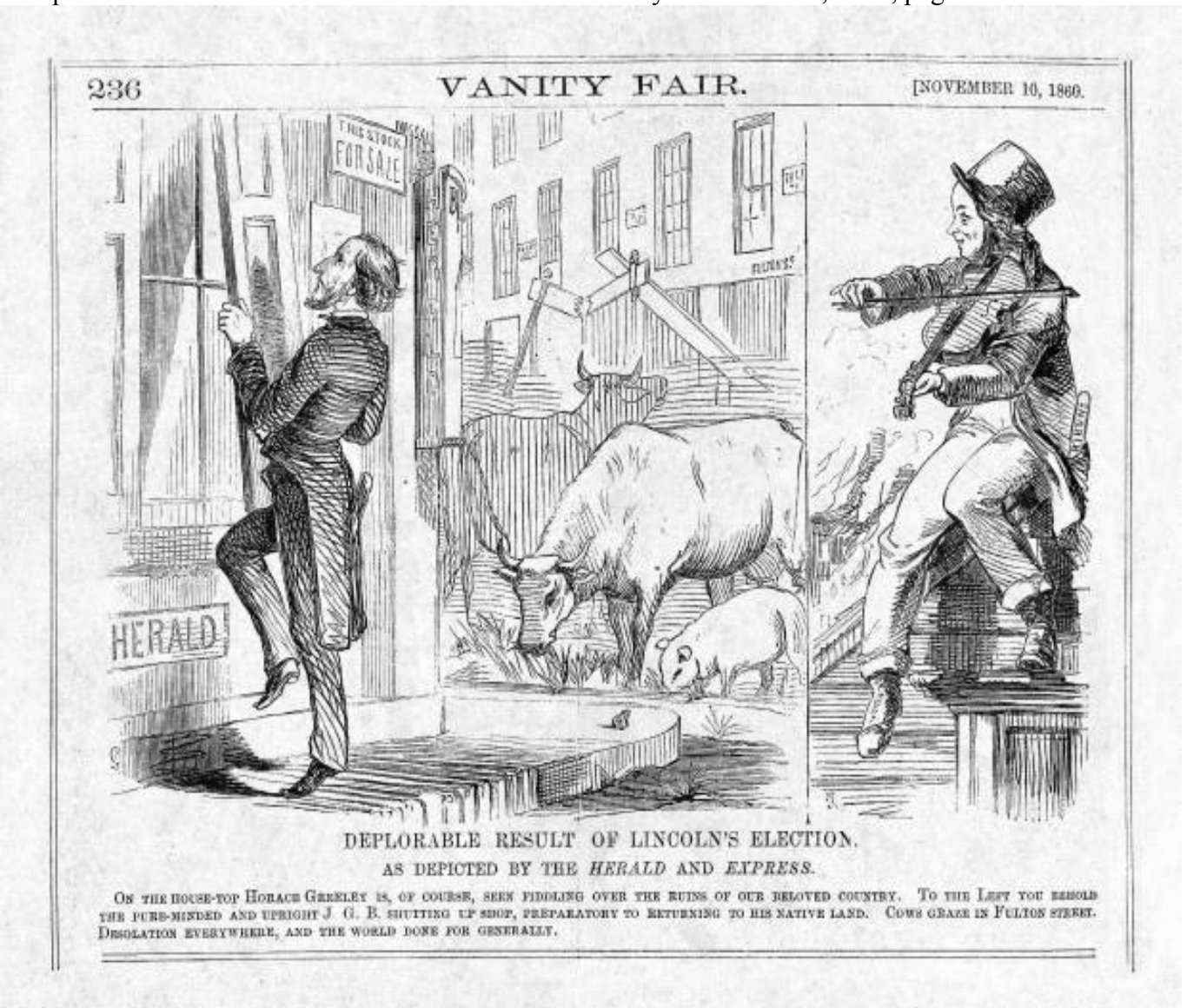
2. Program – Bob Blair, of the Peninsula CWRT, presented a well-researched talk about Union General George H. Thomas, who gained fame as “The Rock of Chickamauga”. The members gained a new perspective on General Thomas and his quite extensive contributions to the Civil War. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Blair for coming all the way to Sacramento.

3. Committee/Activity Reports
 - a. The July minutes were approved as printed.
 - b. Treasurer Foxworth reported a balance of \$1704.19, of which \$48 was raised by the July raffle.
 - c. President Ruud reviewed upcoming programs, and announced the appointment of Mitch Cnota and Fred Bohmfalk as the Elections Committee. Nominations and elections will take place at the October meeting.
 - d. George Foxworth revealed the results of his search for a company able to embroider the SCWRT emblem. He presented the first embroidered shirt to Carol Breiter for her long service to the group. Details will be posted on the SCWRT website. Good work, George – we do appreciate your efforts and dedication.

4. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:05, followed by the monthly raffle.

Walt Bittle
Secretary

“Deplorable Result of Lincoln’s Election” **Source:** Vanity Fair Nov. 10, 1860, page 236



Complete HarpWeek Explanation:

This post-election *Vanity Fair* cartoon shows the result of Lincoln’s election on two of the nation’s most politically important newspaper editors, Democrat James Gordon Bennett of the New York *Herald* and Republican Horace Greeley of the New York *Tribune*. The artist pictures Bennett putting up the shutters on the Herald building in preparation for migration back to his native Scotland. The street scene in the background underscores the ruin that Lincoln’s election would bring. That theme is intensified in the final panel in which Greeley fiddles, à la Nero, while the country burns.

FILL IN THE _____ BLANKS

by Walt Bittle

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| 1. Pierre | _____ | Beauregard |
| 2. Ambrose | _____ | Burnside |
| 3. Benjamin | _____ | Butler |
| 4. Patrick | _____ | Cleburne |
| 5. George | _____ | Custer |
| 6. Jefferson | _____ | Davis (CSA) |
| 7. Jefferson | _____ | Davis (USA) |
| 8. Nathan | _____ | Forrest |
| 9. _____ | Ulysses | Grant |
| 10. John | _____ | Hood |
| 11. Thomas | _____ | Jackson |
| 12. Albert | _____ | Johnston |
| 13. Joseph | _____ | Johnston |
| 14. Robert | _____ | Lee |
| 15. Abraham | _____ | Lincoln |
| 16. George | _____ | McClellan |
| 17. John | _____ | Morgan |
| 18. John | _____ | Mosby |
| 19. George | _____ | Pickett |
| 20. Philip | _____ | Sheridan |
| 21. William | _____ | Sherman |
| 22. Henry | _____ | Sibley (CSA) |
| 23. Henry | _____ | Sibley (USA) |
| 24. James | _____ | Stuart |
| 25. George | _____ | Thomas |

Bonus: Harry _____ Truman

Civil War Skirmish Association (http://www.calweb.com/~arline/Events.html)			
Date	Event	Hosted By	Location
October 13-14	Regional Skirmish	Palmetto SS 5 th Texas	Camp Sixbits
November 10-11	Regional Skirmish	2 nd Texas & F. Troop	Camp Sixbits
December 2001	Range Clean-Up	--	--
American Civil War Association Schedule Http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/acwa/sched.html			
Date	Location	Description	
Oct. 6-7	Fresno, CA	Weekend event and encampment. NCWA Event	
Oct. 20-21	Los Banos, CA	Weekend event and encampment	
November	Sonora, CA	Winter Ball	
Reenactors of the American Civil War Http://www.home.inreach.com/mavgw/racwschedule.htm			
Date	Event	Location	
Oct. 20-21	Civil War Days Event	Butte Community College, Pentz, CA	
November, 2001	RACW Harvest Ball	To Be Announced	
National Civil War Association http://www.ncwa.org			
Date	Event	Location	
October 6-7	Reenactment	Fresno, Kearney Park	
November 3-4	Reenactment	Vacaville, Lagoon Valley Park	

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