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## President's Message:

I enjoyed Paul Ruud's West Point talk and learned a lot. It helps to have an insider's input. As a youngster getting there seemed an unattainable goal. Along the way in my travels I met a few Annapolis grads but Paul is the first of The Long Gray Line from whom I've had a chance to learn what it's really about. The stories of the familiar names and their academy experiences are always fascinating. And some insight into the history was most appreciated. Thanks, Paul, for a splendid presentation.

Last week the website briefly went down. Thanks to Kim Knighton and George Foxworth it is now restored. I recommend taking a look at it if you recently haven't done so. It's also a good place to read The Battle Cry making Jim Middleton's chores a bit easier and saving the group some money to boot. I usually print mine as I like to read and keep a hard copy. Bob Williams' articles and photographs are well worth the time and are a great asset. The home page has a link to the library stored by Bob Hanley and he is happy to provide you with a copy of any of those books.

A brief reminder of the two upcoming Lincoln meetings: Stanford's meeting featuring James McPherson is Feb 5&6 and free. [suepp@stanford.edu](mailto:suepp@stanford.edu) (650) 725-1320. The April Huntington Conference near Pasadena is Fri.-Sat Apr 3&4. More info should be forthcoming soon. (See pages 4-6 below).

Member Jim Lett has graciously donated a large number of Civil War Times Illustrated journals from the 60's thru early 80's. In addition he has included quite a few books. After I catalogue them I'll make them available for loan and list them on the website. Thank you, Jim!

The Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Joan Beitzel on Cotton and the South. Joan gave us an outstanding look at Richmond's Chimborazo Hospital two years ago. Don't miss it.  
Come early. See you there.

**Don Hayden, President**

**MINUTES**  
**SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**  
**JANUARY 14, 2009**  
**HOF BRAU RESTARUANT, WATT AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CA**

Attendance-51

Attendance-40

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Mark Penning

Jim Smith

1. Meeting Started at 7:00. Many guests were welcomed by President Hayden.

2. Richard Sickert gave the history of Sunset Magazine and info on James McPhearson at Stanford Feb. 5 & 6, "Lincoln and the American West," it's free. Just Google Bill Lane, Center for the American West.

Susan Williams gave info on the Huntington Conference "Lincoln for our Time" at Friend's Hall in April.

East Coast Conference in Lynchburg, VA – "Reel Civil War" in March.

Also February 28 thru March 1- Winter Quarters at Benicia.

Check our web site for our library and the books you may check out.

2009 dues are now due, see Mr. Foxworth.

3. Long awaited "Antebellum West Point" was presented by member Paul Ruud, Class of 1958. Many, many facts on classmates, superintendents, accomplishments and friendships at the Point, up to the Civil War. Paul also showed slides from his visits back. Thank you Paul- it was great!

4. Raffle held and meeting adjourned at 8:41.

Eddie Keister—Secretary

<b>Coming Programs 2009</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Beitzel	Interwoven: Cotton and the South
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Henig	William Tillman: The Union's First Black Hero
Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Stu Howe	California Volunteers in the West
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Davenport	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battle of Winchester
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Tagg	The Unpopular Mr. Lincoln
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Bisio	Lee, the Trader
Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Stanberry	The Importance of the Shenandoah Valley

**From the Editor:**

With the increasing cost of printing and postage the SCWRT is looking for ways to cut costs for printing the Battle Cry. One good way is for those of you who have an internet connection to get your Battle Cry via e-mail. It is sent out on Adobe Reader which is available free online. If it is not on your computer just go to Google search engine and write in Adobe Reader and download it to your computer. A little over ¾ of your dues goes for printing and postage for the Battle Cry. If sent by e-mail, it costs nothing. That seems to me to be a good reason for receiving the Battle Cry on e-mail. In addition, any time that there are pictures in color you can print or view them at home in color.

**The Last Full Measure of Devotion: Collecting Abraham Lincoln**

Feb. 7–April 27, 2009

In the Huntington Library West Hall

Mounted in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln (1809 –1865), "The Last Full Measure of Devotion: Collecting Abraham Lincoln" will present the letters, manuscripts, printed works, photographs, and ephemera of Lincoln as objects of deep reverence, relentless pursuit, and varying and often hotly contested interpretation. The exhibition will showcase The Huntington's significant Lincoln holdings, which rank with the collections of the Library of Congress and the Presidential Library of Illinois as the most important in the nation. "The Last Full Measure of Devotion" also pays tribute to those whose deep love of Lincoln made them indispensable in preserving his legacy, tracing the history of collecting and interpreting Lincolniana from 1865 to Henry Huntington's times. The exhibit not only offers a unique chance to view Lincoln materials, but also provides an insight into the way Lincoln collecting inspired popular reverence for the American past. The exhibition will include such iconic pieces as the Strohm copy of the 13th Amendment signed by Lincoln; his notebook on slavery; and a pass that was issued to Lincoln's bodyguard, Ward H. Lamon, sending the U.S. marshal to Richmond, Va., and making him famously absent the night Lincoln was assassinated.

The above will be at the Huntington during the Conference April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **“A LINCOLN FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY”**

Conference at the Huntington on April 3-4, 2009 in Friend’s Hall. You can contact Paul Ruud, Dennis Kohlmann, George Beitzel or me, the Editor. You may also call the Susi Krasnoo, Research Department at the Huntington at 626-405-2194 to get on the list. The program and speakers appear below. If the editor receives more information, it will appear in the Battle Cry.

### **Friday, April 3, 2009**

#### **8:30 Registration & Coffee**

**9:15 Welcome** Robert C. Ritchie (The Huntington)

**Remarks** Gary W. Gallagher (University of Virginia)  
Joan Waugh (University of California, Los Angeles)

#### **9:30 Session 1 Lincoln before the White House**

**Moderator:** Joan Waugh

Daniel Walker Howe (University of California, Los Angeles and  
University of Oxford)  
“Abraham Lincoln’s Opposition to the Mexican War”

Harold Holzer (Metropolitan Museum of Art)  
“The Image of the Great Secession Winter: The Evolution of a  
President-Elect”

#### **11:30 Lunch**

#### **12:30 Session 2 Reassessing Lincoln’s Wit and Wisdom**

**Moderator:** Gary W. Gallagher

Elizabeth Leonard (Colby College)  
“Lincoln the Teacher: Lessons Learned”

Richard Carwardine (University of Oxford)  
“Just Laughter: The Moral Springs of Lincoln’s Humor”

Stephen B. Cushman (University of Virginia)  
“When Lincoln Met Emerson”

**Session 3     Lincoln Confronts His “Dissatisfied Fellow Countrymen”**

**Moderator:** Gary W. Gallagher

David Blight (Yale University)  
“Lincoln and the American South”

Richard Wightman Fox (University of Southern California)  
“Striding Toward Assassination: Lincoln’s Walk through  
Richmond, April 4, 1865”

**Saturday, April 4, 2009**

**9:00    Registration & Coffee**

**9:30    Session 4     Lincoln Looks West and to the Constitution**

**Moderator:** Joan Waugh

James M. McPherson (Princeton University)  
“Lincoln and the West”

Jennifer L. Weber (University of Kansas)  
“Abraham Lincoln and Executive Power”

**12:00    Lunch**

**1:00    Session 5     A Lincoln for the Twenty-First Century**

**Moderator:** Gary W. Gallagher

Catherine Clinton (Queen’s University Belfast)  
“The Immortal Lincoln”

Ronald C. White (University of California, Los Angeles)  
“‘Let us think anew’: A. Lincoln and the Future  
Tense of America”

This conference is funded by  
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**A LINCOLN FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

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Conference registration and meals by reservation only. No confirmation will be sent.

Conference registration fee 25.00  
(Graduate students free)

Buffet lunch (April 3) 16.50

Buffet lunch (April 4) 16.50

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Total \_\_\_\_\_

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