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President's Message

Here we are in the last quarter of our year and it's time to consider whether or not to think about the highlight of our year which is the 2016 Annual West Coast Civil War Conference. The Conference has been strongly supported by the Sacramento Civil War Round Table and for many years was alternated between Northern and Southern California in the earlier days of its existence. This year, it will be hosted again by our colleagues in the Orange County and Pasadena Civil War Round Tables and as usual, many of us plan to attend.

I have had the pleasure of hearing the outstanding speakers participating plus the camaraderie and friendship of the large, strong groups, and loyal attendees. I can only suggest it has been the best part of my experience in the past eighteen years. So it's not too late to sign up and I'll look forward to seeing many old friends and many of you there.

Our October presenter is college professor Sherri Patton who has given us several highly appreciated presentations over the past several years. Professor Patton's topic is "Civil War Diplomacy." In addition, her talks usually result in many discussions with active questions and answers. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Halloween!

Don Hayden, Vice President

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
HOF BRAU RESTAURANT, 2500 WATT AVENUE, SACRAMENTO

ATTENDANCE – 32

MEMBERS – 22: Don Hayden, Vice President, George W. Foxworth, Treasurer, Barbara Leone, Secretary, Silver Williams, Program Director, Roy Bishop, Monica Foxworth, Arnd Gartner, Ron Grove, Bob Hanley, Nina Henley, Wayne Henley, Bill Jackson, Jane Jackson, James Juanitas, Arnold Kunst, Bernie Quinn, John Rice, Paul Ruud (MAL), Nick Scivoletto, Roxanne Spizzirri, Raymond Valdez, John Zasso.

GUESTS – 10: Cindy Allgeier, Jessie Allgeier, Mike Allgeier, Esther Boeck, Tim Karlberg, Virginia Karlberg, Dennis Kohlmann (MAL), Larry Spizzirri, Richard Spizzirri, Don Zajic.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Don Hayden and he led the Pledge. Dennis Kohlmann supervised the raffle. Our speakers were Ginny and Tim Karlberg who are Civil War re-enactors. Tim discovered his 5th great grandfather was a Union artillery lieutenant and was almost killed by the Sioux at a fort in Minnesota.
2. Tim and Ginny made their presentation in an interactive way that was both novel and entertaining. Members were encouraged to contribute any additional information they had regarding the questions and multiple choice answers the couple put forth. Interesting photos were part of the program.
3. We learned that before the Civil War, Jefferson Davis was the Secretary of War for the United States and he appointed Robert E Lee Superintendent of Point West. Also, Lee's portrait was removed from the West Point hall of honor for cleaning, not because he was considered a traitor.
4. In 1862, Julia Grant was captured by Nathan Bedford Forrest's troops and held for a week before it was realized who she was and Forrest was informed. She was escorted back to Union lines with an apology.
5. What is a "rectal acorn?" That was the term used to describe a small brass capsule containing a coded message inserted into the rectum of the carrier.
6. Lee's pet hen Nellie who provided him with a daily egg was unfortunately slaughtered by his cook when there was not enough food to feed the dinner guests Lee had invited at the Battle of the Wilderness.
7. Surgeons did not wash their hands between patients because they thought all blood was the same. Various animal bloods were given to soldiers on the battlefield in an attempt to keep them alive.
8. More than 100,000 freed slaves served in the Union Army. Sergeant William H. Carney won the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery, the first African-American to do so.
9. The brother of John Wilkes Booth, Edwin Booth, saved Lincoln's son from falling under a train when the boy fell from the platform. Also an actor, Booth came to Sacramento after the War.
10. Dysentery was the 2nd highest killer of all soldiers after combat. In the 4 years of the War, 25% of the South's military-aged men died and half of it's wealth was lost. Prior to secession, the South was dominant in Congress. The North emerged as the industrial powerhouse and central government prevailed.
11. Space limitations exclude some of the other challenging, sometimes amusing, sometimes disturbing questions and answers Tim and Ginny put to the Club. They gave us much to think and marvel about.
12. The next Board Meeting will be October 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM at Brookfield's Restaurant.

Barbara Leone, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance following the September 14th meeting was \$5,340.22. Thanks to Dennis Kohlmann, other members, and guests, the raffle brought in \$76.00.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

Coming Programs for 2016 & 2017

Date	Speaker	Topic
October 12th	Sherri Patton	"Civil War Diplomacy"
November 9th	Carolyn Martin	"Women in the Civil War"
December 14th	Silver N. Williams	"The Rebel and the Rose—and The Lost Confederate Gold"
January 11th	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
February 8th	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
March 8th	To Be Determined	To Be Determined

NEWSLETTER CIVIL WAR ARTICLES

Civil War articles/book reviews are welcome. The submission deadline is the 1st of each month for that month's **Battle Cry**. However, you can submit articles at anytime. Please submit your items in Microsoft Word or regular email to:

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Do not submit scanned files since I may need to edit files to combine the **Battle Cry**.

The **Battle Cry** is the monthly newsletter of the Sacramento CWRT. Submissions are subject to availability of space and size limitations. Submissions do not necessarily reflect the views of the organization or the Editor. The official address of this organization is: Sacramento Civil War Round Table, Post Office Box 254702, Sacramento, CA 95865-4702. <http://www.sacramentocwrt.org> is the web site address. Check the web for past newsletter editions and information about the group.

Songs Of the Civil War Era *Go Down, Moses*

This is one version, among many, of a song that was a favorite among Black troops during the Civil War.

It was known as "The Song of the Contrabands."

Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!

Yes the lord said 'go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!

When Israel was in Egypt land
Let my people go!

Thus spoke the lord, bold Moses said
Let my people go!
'if not I'll smite, your firstborns dead'
Let my people go!

Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go!

So the god seyeth: 'go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!'

God-the lord said 'go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!'

So Moses went to Egypt land
Let my people go!

Tell all pharaohs
To
Let my people go

He made all pharaohs understand
Let my people go!

CIVIL WAR LETTERS

By Carl M. Cannon on Nov 12, 2015 08:50 AM

Good morning. It's Thursday, November 12, 2015. On this day 154 years ago, a Massachusetts scion and Harvard graduate named John Worthington Ames wrote a letter to his mother explaining why he'd volunteered to serve in the Union Army.

"Slavery has brought death into our own households already in its wicked rebellion," he wrote. "There is but one way, and that is emancipation."

"I want to sing 'John Brown' in the streets of Charleston," added this 27-year-old U.S. Army Captain, "and ram red-hot abolitionism down their unwilling throats at the point of a bayonet."

Violent imagery for a young infantry officer to put in a letter to his mom, yes, but illustrative of the fighting spirit of the New England men who answered the call in 1861 – and their views of the issue that galvanized them into marching South to War.

In his seminal Civil War trilogy, historian Bruce Catton related how the politics of the men in Mr. Lincoln's Army – and their very motivations for fighting – tended to vary by geography.

"In general, the Western troops were less disturbed [by slavery] than the New Englanders," Catton wrote. (By "Western troops," he was referring to soldiers from places we now call the Midwest – Ohio, Iowa, and other heartland states, including Catton's native state of Michigan.)

"To the Westerners, this War was being fought to restore the Union," he added. "[T]o the New Englanders, the abolition of human slavery was mixed up in it, too, and freedom was an all-embracing idea that included Black men as well as White."

One can paint with too broad a brush here. After reading and cataloguing more than 1,000 letters home from Union soldiers, Princeton University Professor James McPherson discovered that anti-slavery passions burned in the hearts of Northern soldiers from every state.

An Iowa volunteer named Jacob Ritner wrote to his wife in July 1864 that although he hated being away from her, fighting this "most horrible War" was something that had to be done.

"[I]f only through this baptism of blood our nation, freed and purified from the blighting curse of slavery, shall lift her radiant forehead from the dust, and crowned with the wisdom of freedom go on her glorious way rejoicing," Ritner wrote.

It was a son of Ohio named George Tully, who'd roomed with George Armstrong Custer at West Point, who told his sweetheart that the War "will not be ended until the subject of slavery is finally and forever settled. It has been a great curse to this country."

Yet, it was undeniable that there was something different about the New Englanders.

It wasn't an accident that another Bostonian (and Harvard man), Robert Gould Shaw, was chosen to lead the first all-Black regiment in the Union Army. And four months before, John Worthington Ames fanaticized to his mother about humming "John Brown" in South Carolina; Shaw had done that very thing in Harpers Ferry. In a July 1861 letter to *his* mother, Lieutenant Shaw related how when his unit toured the site of John Brown's Raid, they sang the John Brown song.

Carl M. Cannon, Washington Bureau Chief, RealClearPolitics

Submitted by Silver N. Williams

ALFRED D. HURD

Alfred D. Hurd, a Union veteran of the Civil War, moved to Sacramento in the years after the War. He helped build our great city and is buried here.



ALFRED D. HURD
Co. C, 111th New York Inf



Alfred Hurd enlisted in the 111th New York Volunteer Infantry at the age of sixteen in August 1862. He fought at the Battles of Gettysburg, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, and the Battle of the Wilderness, among others. He was discharged in June 1865 and moved to Sacramento in 1886. Over two hundred members of Hurd's regiment were killed or mortally wounded in battle during the Civil War, and only a handful of Union regiments suffered a greater casualty-rate.

Submitted by - Sebastian Nelson (sebnelson@gmail.com)

WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE

WAR AND REMEMBRANCE

October 28-30, 2016, Costa Mesa, CA ★ Jointly Hosted by the Orange County and Pasadena Civil War Round Tables

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Eric Wittenberg, Author/Historian

Custer – What If...?

Little Phil: A Reassessment of the Leadership of General Phil Sheridan

James Hessler, Author/Historian

How Dan Sickles Declared Himself the Hero of Gettysburg

Paul Gillette, Author/Historian

Orange County CWRT

A Never-Ending War: The James-Younger Gang, 1866-1882

Meg Groeling, Author/Historian/Educator

These Honored Dead

Evan Jones, Author/Historian

The Road Home

Michael Oddenino – Historian/Attorney

Pasadena CWRT

Robert E. Lee After the War

Ted Savas, Author/Historian

Owner, Savas-Beatie Publishing

Rediscovering Hallowed Ground

Nick Smith, Historian

Sons of Union Veterans/Pasadena CWRT

Westward Bound: Veterans and Their Lives in California

James Stanbery, Historian

Professor, Los Angeles Harbor College

Orange County & Pasadena CWRTs

Left-Wing Confederates, In and Beyond the War

Joan Waugh, Author/Historian

Professor of History, UCLA

The Civil War in History and Memory

Cheryl Wilkinson, Author/Historian

Sawtelle: New Battles for Union Veterans

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Crowne Plaza Costa Mesa

3131 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA

Group Rate of \$129/night includes free breakfast for two per room; free wi-fi and parking; free shuttle from John Wayne Airport. Group rate available pre/post event.

For details on the hotel and nearby activities/attractions, check their web site:

<http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/costa-mesa/laxcm/hoteldetail>

Group Reservations

(prior to Oct. 7, 2016): (866) 437-5657

Group Name:

Civil War Round Table (Code CWR)

Conference Registration

Early Bird Rate: \$215

(January 1 to July 31, 2016)

Regular Rate: \$225

(starting August 1, 2016)

Refunds

Refunds prior to Sept. 1, 2016 will be less a \$25 processing fee; no refunds will be made after September 1, 2016.

Questions?

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