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Battle Cry deadline is
1:00PM Wed. two weeks
before the regular
meeting. Items can be
given the editor by hand,
mail or e-mail.

President's Message:

What a grand turnout we had for Ray Bisio's fine discussion of Meade and the enemies he unfortunately made at Gettysburg. Ray's enthusiasm is infectious and we have been treated on numerous occasions to his wide grasp of detail of this immense highpoint of the Civil War. We look forward to his moving closer to us and hope he will continue to share his knowledge with our group.

I appreciate the input I received from members on our planning for future events. At present we expect Professor Brian Wills from the University of Virginia at Wise to speak to us on February 6th, a Monday rather than Wednesday, and at present plan to meet again at the Studio Theater downtown. He is the author of *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman* and his subject will be Forrest. He is a dynamo of a speaker with a great sense of humor and I am sure all will enjoy him. In April we plan on hosting Scott Hardwick who is a Gettysburg National Park Ranger. The dates are uncertain at this moment.

Looking forward to seeing you December 14th for Maurice Mitchell's presentation on *Reconstruction: 1867, 1870, 1965, 2007?* Come early for dinner and conversation.

NEXT MEETING!!! December 14th at 7:00PM at the Hofbrau on the northeast corner of El Camino & Watt Ave. Come early for dinner and conversation.

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The cash balance following the November 9, 2005 meeting was \$1,320.25. Thanks to members and guests, the raffle brought in \$70.00.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
NOVEMBER 9, 2005
HOF BRAU RESTAURANT 2500 WATT AVE, SACRAMENTO

Attendance-35

Members-27

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Robert Williams
John Zasso

Guest-8

Jerry Babineau
Ray Bisio
Pam Hubbard
Chuck Hubbard
Richard Kristof
Vivian Miller
Horst Penning
Ron Perisho

1. Meeting started at 7:05. Guest and members were welcomed. President Hayden welcomed Shelly Jones our newest member, and veteran of 21 CWRT conferences. President Hayden asked members to remain after our meeting to discuss future CWRT conferences.
2. Our old friend, Ray Bisio, former teacher, reenactor, and volunteer guide at Gettysburg gave a wonderful presentation on "Meade at Gettysburg- Making Friends into Foes." A very interesting talk as usual- Ray has given previous presentations. Thank you so much Ray.
3. Raffle was held. Our meeting ended at 8:20. Many members stayed to listen to the future of CWRT conferences.

Eddie Keister
Secretary

COMING PROGRAMS		
Month	Speaker	Topic
December	Maurice Mitchell	Reconstruction: 1867, 1870, 1965, 2007?
January 2006	Fred Bohmfalk	Stephen Foster
February 6, 2006	Brian Wills	Life & Times of Nathan Bedford Forrest
March	Ever True	(A Couple's Civil War Letters)
April (date pending)	Scott Hardwick	Gettysburg Ranger



**Standing: Bob Williams, Jim Middleton, Paul Ruud, George Beitzel, Edie Kiester, George Foxworth, Mitch Cnota, Dennis Kohlmann.
Seated: Ardith Cnota, Grace Long, Carol Breiter, Don Hayden. (Susan Williams missing from picture but attended conference)
Taken at November 2005 conference in Clovis, CA**

A Report On The 21st Annual West Coast Civil War Conference
by George W. Foxworth

The 21st Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was held on November 4-6, 2005, at the Rex Phebus Veterans' Memorial Building in Clovis, California. The Best Western Clovis Cole and the Comfort Suites in Clovis were the hotels.

The Conference was hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table (SJVCWRT) and Civil War Round Table (CWRT) Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. "The Civil War and the Southwest" was the theme and many enlightening presentations by the distinguished speakers filled the weekend. The speakers were Dr. Jerry Thompson, Gene Armistead, Dr. David Paul Smith, Michael Sorenson, Edward T. Cotham Jr., Dr. David Paul Davenport, Wayne Sherman, and Zoyd Luce. Also in attendance were Jim Stanbery, Ted Savas, Shelley Jones, Lee Meredith, Charles Christian, and other Civil War buffs throughout the West.

The Elk Grove CWRT was represented by George and Joan Beitzel, and Courtnie Braziel.

The Sacramento CWRT was represented by George and Joan Beitzel, Carol Breiter, Ardith and Mitch Cnota, Don Hayden, Edie Keister, Dennis Kohlmann, Grace Long, Jim Middleton, Paul Ruud, Bob Williams, Susan Williams, and George W. Foxworth.

All presentations were excellent. Dr. Jerry Thompson spoke on "Writing Southern Biography: The Career of Henry Hopkins Sibley;" "General Sibley's 1861-1862 New Mexico Campaign;" and "Santos Benavides and the War on the Rio Grande." Gene Armistead spoke on "The Los Angeles Mounted Rifles." Dr. David Paul Smith spoke on "Defending the Texas Frontier." Michael Sorenson spoke on "Californians in the Civil

War." Edward T. Cotham, Jr. spoke on the "Battle on the Bay: The Struggle Over Galveston" and Sabine Pass: The Confederacy's Thermopylae." Dr. David Paul Davenport Spoke on "Texas Unionists." Wayne Sherman spoke/acted on/as "A Visit With Charlie Jenkins of the California 100." Finally, Zoyd Luce spoke on "Civil War in the Indian Territory."

Steve Bogdan was scheduled to speak but due a family emergency, he was not able to attend. His topic would have been "Fort Yuma: Bastille on the Colorado River."

The Conference began on Friday night with musical selections, compliments of the American Legion Band, Post 509, Association of the United States Army Band. All participants were very pleased.

On Saturday night, we were entertained by Mr. Ray "the Harmonica Man" Silvia with various selections of Civil War era music. At times, the audience participated with singing. Again, all were pleased.

The final highlight was a challenge from various Round Table Presidents to work on a new system to host Conferences each year. This is a measure to continue the Annual West Coast Civil War Conference maybe due to the burnout of Round Tables or even the death of Jerry Russell. Later in 2006, a model will be introduced to the California Round Tables.

The Conference was a complete success and the SJVCWRT is to be commended for their excellent work. The Rex Phebus Veterans' Memorial Building was an excellent venue in this emergency situation since there was almost no Conference this year. In addition, congratulations and thanks are due to Major General Ron Markarian for the venue and the American Legion Post 147 for all of the meals.



Ted & Dmitri Savas at conference

Looking ahead to 2006, the 22nd Annual West Coast Civil War Conference is scheduled for November 10-12, 2006. This Conference will be hosted by the Sacramento Civil War Round Table in Sacramento, California. The theme is "Aspects of the War on the Waters" and all are invited to attend.

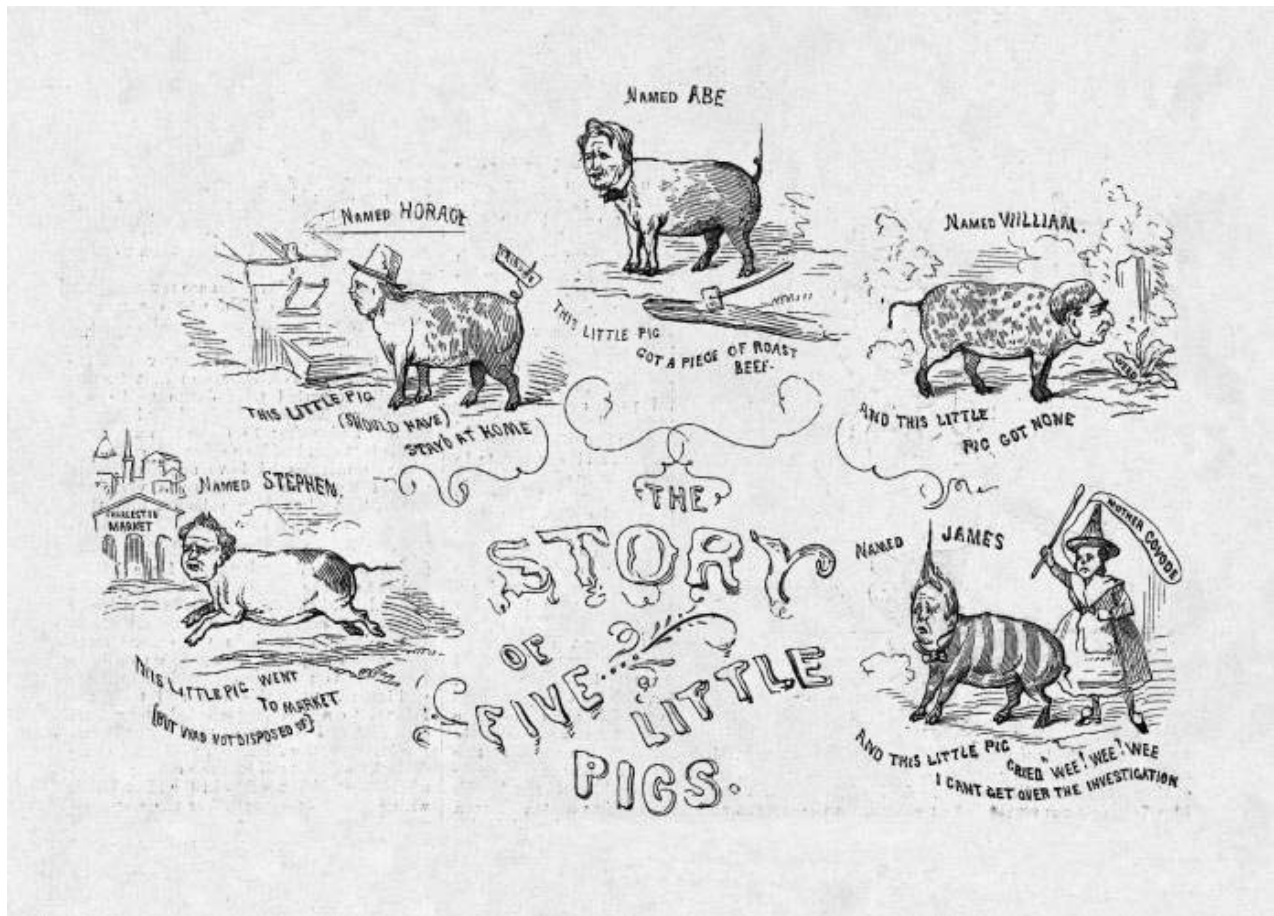


Paul Ruud & Don Hayden at conference

You Are Invited to Attend the
Las Vegas
Civil War Symposium:
"Leadership in the
American Civil War"
March 9–11, 2006
at the Suncoast Hotel & Casino,
Las Vegas, Nevada

sponsored by Civil War Education Association (CWEA)
with Gary W. Gallagher, Head of Faculty
and Robert K. Krick, John F. Marszalek,
George C. Rable, Charles P. Roland,
John Y. Simon, Joan Waugh
and Jeffry D. Wert

Full program cost is \$325 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For more information or to register call **1-800-298-1861**. If anyone wants a copy of the conference notice let me know at battlecryeditor@sbcglobal.net



1860-18 "The Story of the Five Little Pigs"

Vanity Fair June 16, 1860, p. 392

Complete HarpWeek Explanation:

This *Vanity Fair* cartoon is based on the children's nursery rhyme of the same name. The artist presents Stephen Douglas as the pig who goes to market, repeating the Charleston Market metaphor of an earlier *Vanity Fair* cartoon ("Dancing for Eels...", April 21, 1860). Horace Greeley's role at the Chicago Republican convention is criticized by declaring him the pig who should have stayed home. Abraham Lincoln is the pig who gets roast beef, that is, the Republican presidential nomination, while the losing candidate William Henry Seward is the pig who gets none. New York politico Thurlow Weed is sketched as a weed. James Buchanan is the pig who cried all the way home because of the investigation by Congressman John Covode, seen as Old Mother Hubbard.

The Covode investigation refers to a Congressional probe initiated by John Covode, a Pennsylvania Republican, into possible wrongdoing committed by the Buchanan administration. The Covode investigation was a clear attempt to embarrass the president and the Democratic party during the campaign season. The Covode Committee's majority report was released in June 1860 and Republicans blanketed the country with 100,000 copies of it. The evidence produced, however, was legitimate and it painted a shocking picture of an extremely corrupt administration. Among the findings, government printing contracts had been awarded to secure support from newspaper editors, while patronage and monetary bribes had been wielded in an attempt to gain passage of the Lecompton Constitution. Later in June the House of Representatives voted to censure President Buchanan and Navy Secretary Isaac Toucey for their part in the misdeeds. Sources Mark W. Summers, *The Plundering Generation: Corruption and the Crisis of the Union, 1849-1861*; Elbert B. Smith, *The Presidency of James Buchanan*.