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President's Message:

I am pleased to report that the 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was a success. We were able to meet all expenses and the raffle brought in over one thousand dollars which the board will distribute to Civil War Preservation efforts. I wish to thank our splendid panel of speakers: Craig Symonds, William C. "Jack" Davis, Brian Wills, James Stanbery, Larry Tagg, and Ronald Perisho for their outstanding presentations and our planning committee ably headed by Paul Ruud consisting of Bob Hanley, Silver Williams, George Beitzel, George Foxworth, Dennis Kohlmann, Richard Sickert, and Carol Breiter for all their contributions. Garda Kohlmann created the quilt, Joan and George Beitzel donated the prints and the Lincoln commemorative coins, Helen Trimpi and other members donated many books all of which were raffle prizes and several members helped with the raffle. I am especially pleased that we had over thirty-five of our members attend. Many of the over one hundred attendees assured me that it was indeed a splendid event and we are all encouraged that it will continue in the future.

After five years of broken service as your president I am happy to welcome Bob Hanley to the post. I want to thank all of you for the privilege of serving this wonderful organization and trust you will continue to provide Bob and new board members Anne Peasley, Nina and Wayne Henley the support you have provided me. We are pleased to retain the invaluable services of George Foxworth, Edie Keister, Dennis Kohlmann, Brent ten Pas, and Kim Knighton and I'll stick around as past-president. I anticipate continued growth of our round table and look forward to many successful years down the road.

I have been informed that Jim Middleton who served as our Battle Cry editor for many years is back in the hospital to have corrective surgery for his back problem. I'll attempt to keep Bob Hanley informed of his progress.

I am sorry I'll miss our Christmas celebratory meeting at Sam's Hof Brau December 14th and especially sorry to miss Paul Ruud's discussion of *What Did They Do After the War*. I'm sure it will be a great talk and a festive occasion so don't miss it. Come early for dinner and social hour.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

Don Hayden, President

MINUTES
SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
 November 11-13, 2011
 Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center
 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815-4702

ATTENDANCE-145

SCWRT MEMBERS-50

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Marsha Cain	Nancy Hayden	Dennis Pannell	Susan Williams
Ardith Cnota			Don Zajic

GUESTS-95

Lamonica Andreoff	Ellen Gorelick	David W. Lang	Steve Spilker
Glenda Babineau	Michael Green	Terri Lehan	Jim Stanbery
Jerry Babineau	Karen Groom	Erica Light	Mack Stanley
Duane Benell	Kevin Groom	Martin Light	Herbert Summers
Carol Berry	Bill Haley	Ellie Lowry	Jim Swan
Bonnie Bowen	H. James Harper	Wally Lowry	Pat Swan
Wayne Bowen	Chris Hayden	Judy Lubas	Dr. Craig Symonds
Courtnie Braziel	Dustin Hayden	Tom Lubas	Marylou Symonds
Tim Charlesworth	Trish Hayden	Zoyd Luce	Larry Tagg
Brian Clague	John L. Herberich	Marilyn Matheson	Mariel Tagg
Linda Clague	David Hull	Ron Matheson	Buena Taylor
Dr. David P. Davenport	Joe Inkerdum, Jr.	Lee Meredith	David Taylor
William C. "Jack" Davis	Susan Inkerdum	Michael Montague	Rebekah Thomas
Denny Delk	Dr. Alan J. Iverson	Bob O'Connor	Gary Tindle
Karen Delk	Emmett Iverson	Lou Olker	Clyde Titus
Edward C. Derkum	Carol Jilbert	Ann Phillips	Linda Vaughan
Leslie D. Derkum	Larry Jilbert	Sarah Price	Ron Vaughan
Doug van der Weyde	Garrett Johnston	Robert A. Quinn	Phil Waldron
Madison Ellis	Douglas Kane	Dolores Ragusa	Maureen Webb
Pamela Ellis	Ginny Karlberg	Ted Savas	Ron Webb
Porter Ellis	Tim Karlberg	Sharon Schneider	Michael Werner
Deborah Garvin	Joann S. Knowles	Walt Schneider	Dr. Brian S. Wills
Richard Garvin	Ken Kurtz	Fred Soto	David S. Wilson
Judge Walt Gorelick	Norma Kurtz	Gail Soto	

1. The 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was called to order by President Don Hayden who welcomed everyone and then introduced each of the speakers: Dr. Craig L. Symonds, William C. "Jack" Davis, Dr. Brian Steel Wills, James Stanbery, Larry Tagg, and Ron Perisho. President Hayden introduced Dennis and Garda Kohlmann and they showed a Sanitary Commission reproduction quilt that was common during the Civil War. The quilt was a raffle item.
2. Program: Craig L. Symonds spoke on "Causes, Goals, and Readiness of North and South" and "Strategies of North and South." Jack Davis spoke on "1860 Election, Succession, Fort Sumter," "Jefferson Davis;" and "Looking Back Over 1861, Ahead to 1862, What Did They See?" Brian S. Wills spoke on "First Manassas" and "Competition For the Border States." James Stanbery spoke on "Highlights of 1861 Battles Other Than Manassas" and "Two New Nations. At the conclusion on Sunday, Mr. Stanbery Moderated a Panel. Finally, Larry Tagg spoke on "Abraham Lincoln."
3. Committee/Activity Reports
 - A. The 2012 Conference will be hosted by the Orange County CWRT.
 - B. The 2013 Conference will be hosted by the San Joaquin Valley CWRT. San Joaquin Valley is proposing a Conference at sea on a cruise.
 - C. Mr. Michael Green made an announcement: San Joaquin Valley is having a Town Hall Meeting on December 8, 2011. The topic is "General Ulysses S. Grant: A Military Genius or Just Plain Lucky?" The speaker is General Parker Hills and he will be introduced by Yosemite National Park Ranger Shelton Johnson. The event will take place at the War Memorial Auditorium in Clovis. For information, please check sjvcwrt.com. All are welcome to attend.
 - D. Very successful Conference raffles, compliments to Janet and Mark Hayden, Wayne and Nina Henley, George and Joan Beitzel, Nicholas Scivoletto, Susan Williams, President Don Hayden, and George W. Foxworth.
 - E. The next Sacramento CWRT meeting is December 14, 2011. The subject will be "What Did They Do After the Civil War," a talk by Paul Ruud. 2011 Holiday cheer will be celebrated with refreshments.
4. Conference Highlights
 - A. On Friday night, the Conference began with an excellent dinner and then an outstanding presentation by Ron Perisho "1861 in 3D."
 - B. James Stanbery and technician (Doug van der Weyde) supplied us with outstanding fireworks on their PowerPoint presentations.
 - C. A Saturday morning breakfast was hosted by Dennis Kohlmann and for now, the Annual Conference will continue in 2012 by the Orange County CWRT.
5. Adjournment—The Conference was adjourned at 12:30 PM Sunday.

George W. Foxworth, Acting for Secretary Edie Keister,

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance following the November 11 - 13, 2011 meeting was \$2,316.57.

George W. Foxworth, Treasurer

A Report On The 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference **by George W. Foxworth**

The 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was held on November 11-13, 2011, at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Sacramento, California.

The Conference was hosted by the Elk Grove Civil War Round Table (CWRT), Sacramento Civil War Round Table, and Civil War Round Table Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. "1861: The First Year" was the theme and many enlightening presentations by the distinguished speakers filled the weekend. The speakers were Dr. Craig L. Symonds, William C. "Jack" Davis, Dr. Brian Steel Wills, James Stanbery, Larry Tagg, and Ron Perisho. Also in attendance were Ted Savas, Lee Meredith, and other Civil War enthusiasts throughout the West. Finally, professors and authors Jim and Pat Swan from Nashville, TN attended.

The Elk Grove CWRT was represented by George and Joan Beitzel, Jerry and Glenda Babineau, Courtnie Braziel, Tim and Ginny Karlberg, and Susan Williams.

The Sacramento CWRT was represented by Jim Armstrong, George and Joan Beitzel, Roy Bishop, Walt Bittle, Fred Bohmfalk, Harvey and Marsha Cain, Mitch and Ardith Cnota, Evan and Irene Cole, Gordon Coleman, Flo Crawford, Jerry Cress, Jim Cress, George W. Foxworth, Bob Hanley, Don and Scottie Hayden, Don Hayden Jr., Mark and Janet Hayden, Scott and Nancy Hayden, Wayne and Nina Henley, Edie Keister, Kim Knighton and Dennis Pannell, Dennis and Garda Kohlmann, Kim Grace Long, Robert (Bob) Moore, Bruce and Donna Nothmann, Rick and Anne Peasley, Ron and Kathy Perisho, Paul and Patty Ruud, Nancy B. Samuelson, Brad Schall, Nicholas Scivoletto, Richard Sickert, Helen P. Trimpi, Silver Williams, Susan Williams, and Don Zajic (a total of 50).

All presentations were excellent. Craig L. Symonds spoke on "Causes, Goals, and Readiness of North and South" and "Strategies of North and South." Jack

Davis spoke on "1860 Election, Succession, Fort Sumter;" "Jefferson Davis;" and "Looking Back Over 1861, Ahead to 1862, What Did They See?" Brian S. Wills spoke on "First Manassas" and "Competition For the Border States." James Stanbery spoke on "Highlights of 1861 Battles Other Than Manassas" and "Two New Nations." At the conclusion on Sunday, Mr. Stanbery moderated a panel. Finally, Larry Tagg spoke on "Abraham Lincoln."

On Friday night, the Conference began with an excellent dinner and then an outstanding presentation by Ron Perisho "1861 in 3D." Also, James Stanbery and technician (Doug van der Weyde) supplied us with outstanding fireworks on their PowerPoint presentations. All were pleased.

The Conference was a complete success and the Elk Grove CWRT and Sacramento CWRT are commended for their excellent work.

Looking ahead to 2012, the 28th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference will be tentatively hosted by the Orange County CWRT. The topic is unknown at this time.



DID YOU KNOW?

The town of Reno, NV is named after Union General Jesse Lee Reno, who was shot off his horse and killed in September 1862 at the battle of South Mountain, Maryland. The railroad, at the behest of General Irvin McDowell, officially named the new town at Lake's Crossing on the Truckee River for the man previously known as Jesse Lee Renault before he changed his name to Reno.





BOOK REVIEWS



A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War.

By Amanda Foreman

Random House; First Edition edition (June 28, 2011)

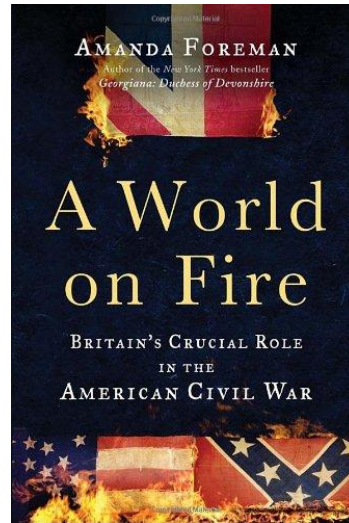
Doggerel in an 1861 issue of Punch, the British satirical magazine, aptly expressed the nation's dilemma about the American Civil War:

*Though with the North we sympathize
It must not be forgotten
That with the South, we've stronger ties,
Which are composed of cotton.*

Thus, the thin line trod by Britain during the conflict. In a seeming paradox, a majority of what Amanda Foreman calls the "great liberal peerage" thrust aside its claimed revulsion with slavery - banished in Britain in 1835 - and sided with the South. Economics played a major role in the merchant classes' sympathy; after all, the cotton trade was worth \$600 million annually, providing jobs and financial security for more than 5 million men and women.

Ms. Foreman's work is massive but never boring. Of joint Anglo-American heritage - she studied both in Britain and the United States - she has the knack of finding and using the quotations and descriptions that put vitality into her writing. With her, the reader skitters from English drawing rooms to gory battlefields as the author paints cinematic profiles of mercenary soldiers and politicians. She is one of the more exciting historians I have encountered in years. And, given she is in her early 40s, she should be entertaining readers for decades more.

Despite their professed hatred of slavery - "Uncle Tom's Cabin" sold a million copies in Britain its first year of publication, versus 300,000 in the United States - London politicians saw reasons not to give reflexive support to the Union. After all, the American Revolution and the War of 1812 remained



painful memories, and the United States was emerging as an economic challenger to the British Empire. Further, the United States supported Russia in the Crimean War of the 1850s. Many Brits, Ms. Foreman writes, sympathized with what they saw as a "Southern struggle for independence."

A few months into the war, Queen Victoria declared neutrality, barring the arms sales to either side and making it illegal for a British subject to volunteer for military service. Lord John Russell declared, "For God's sake, let us if possible keep out of it!"

Such was not to be. The Confederacy immediately dispatched purchasing agents to the United Kingdom to buy ships covertly to pit against the Union, and even to commission the laying down of sizable men of war. Southern privateers preyed on Union shipping, the CSS Alabama alone sinking 65 Union vessels.

And, most notably, British citizens flocked to enter the war. Although Ms. Foreman writes that exact statistics do not exist, she estimates that perhaps 50,000 Brits fought in the war, as soldiers, sailors, doctors, nurses and guerrillas. European soldiers of fortune, ever watchful for fights to join, signed with both armies.

Spies abound, several of whom had not previously crossed my radar screen. In a foretaste of the covert operation Great Britain ran in Washington before and during World War II to court political and public support, the South dispatched a covert operative to London to swing public opinion toward the Confederacy.

The agent, a Mobile, Ala., journalist named Henry Hotze, was only 27 years old when he accepted the assignment. Gregarious and genial, he proved popular with English journalists, who eagerly snapped up the “news” - read propaganda not always 100 percent accurate - from the Confederacy. Hotze’s aim was “to massage, not bludgeon, public opinion.” He set up Confederate support groups across the United Kingdom. And Hotze surely made his spymasters happy when a propaganda publication he established actually turned a profit.

The British public closely followed news of the savage fighting, and Ms. Foreman does a superb job of describing the military actions. Her descriptions of the carnage are sobering even to a student of the war. Hear the young adventurer Henry Morton Stanley, a Brit who volunteered for the Confederate “Dixie Grays” after he saw the grisly aftermath of the Battle of Shiloh: “Glory sickened me with its repulsive aspect, and made me suspect it was a glittering lie.”

British sympathies for the Confederate cause waned in 1863, after Southern losses at Second Manassas and Gettysburg. Confederate attempts to use Canada as a base for operations stirred fears that Britain could lose its sole remaining North American colony. Also, Confederate bonds marketed in London began going belly-up as the tide of battle turned against the South. And Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, late though it came, lessened support for the South.

One further word of praise for Ms. Foreman. In explaining why her book required a decade of work, she notes that during the 10 years she bore five children (including twins) and cared for her husband, who had a bout of cancer. Nonetheless, she scoured sources across two continents, and her chapter notes span an astounding 116 pages.

Throughout, she is a historian who views the tragedy of the war with objectivity, and whose narrative

contains a valuable commentary on the Civil War as seen through non-American eyes. Five stars, at least.

By Joseph C. Goulden. Published in The Washington Times, Monday, June 20, 2011.



DECEMBER DURING THE CIVIL WAR

1860

20th South Carolina secedes

1862

13th - Battle of Fredericksburg.

1863

8th - President Lincoln makes proclamation of Amnesty & Reconstruction.

17th - The U.S. Congress awarded the only gold medal given by the U.S. government to General Ulysses S. Grant in appreciation for the capture of Vicksburg and Chattanooga by forces under his command.

1864

13th - Fort McCallister surrenders.

1865

6th - 13th Amendment to abolish slavery in the United States was ratified.

